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GREAT ENTHUSIAM AT LIBERAL MEETING

Largest Audience in History of Dominion Hall, Vancouver, Hears Speeches

LIBERAL LEADER FLAYS GOVERNMENT LAND POLICY

Propounds Liberal Principles With Regard to Promotion of Agriculture

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Packed as it never was before on any occasion, Dominion hall, the largest hall obtainable, last night was the scene of the largest and most enthusiastic Liberal rally since the Liberal party of the city began the series of meetings in which able speakers have been laying before the voters the principles the party advocates, and criticizing the actions of the Conservative government of the province.

Last night's gathering was remarkable for the large number of women who attended. They were sprinkled well through the audience of close upon 1,500 and were intensely interested in everything which was said. Their presence attracted the attention of H. C. Brewster, the Liberal leader, who said that with the Liberal platform made into laws, the women of the province would obtain their just dues. They were advised by the leader of the party to scrutinize the new municipal bill, which, like laws framed by the attorney-general, would need watching. The speaker would not be surprised were the women to lose what few rights they now held.

In point of attendance, enthusiasm and intensity, the gathering was one of the greatest ever held in the city, not even the largest gathering during the heat of the civic campaign approaching it. The speakers were frequently forced to cease speaking while the applause subsided. Whenever a speaker scored the government severely, as was frequently the case, cries of "Hear, hear," arose and applause burst forth from all parts of the hall.

Mr. Brewster said:

"Speaking before the Victoria board of trade on Thursday last, Mr. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P., chairman of the agricultural commission, said he thought all would agree that agricultural prosperity meant prosperity in other business. He must, however, deny that there was agricultural prosperity in British Columbia. He had heard it said that agriculture was doing well, but he did not think so as the return of the last census showed that the province had not progressed.

"City congestion," he said, "and consumption of produce increase more than production."

"We hear our friend, the Colonist," he said, "preaching optimism, and while this is better than pessimism, that ophimism that blinds us to facts does more harm than good.

"This statement, made by the chairman of the agricultural commission of the province is one which vitally interests every man in the province of British Columbia to-day.

"It is possible there are some in this audience who have no desire to personally go out and cultivate the land, and who may, therefore, not realize that this question is one which affects him as well as all other citizens of the province, and especially the city resident who to-day is in keen competition with others in the labor market.

"To these men I wish to point out that a successfully executed land settlement policy would be of inestimable advantage—not alone to the unemployed of our cities—but to the closely and intimately related interests of business men and all others, from the banker to the baker's boy.

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AUSTRIA IMPERILLED BY INTERNAL STRIFE

New Minister of Finance Urges Repression Lest Allies Desert Her

Vienna, via Rome, Feb. 18.—Baron von Koerber, the new minister of finance, in addressing the staff of the ministry of finance, urged united and energetic efforts on the part of his assistants, with the object of completely eliminating all doubts of Austria's power.

The new finance minister said that the recent deplorable incidents in the monarchy were the result of the special composition of the population and did not indicate symptomatic weakness. The fact that people had contributed $3,000,000 to the war loan proved that they were supporting the war.

For this reason, he said, Austria, aided by her faithful allies, calmly awaited the final success which she was already partially reaping. The people were now fighting with heroism. They must forget their internal conflicts lest the government be forced to display a firm will.

The speech has caused the greatest impression, since Baron von Koeber officially confirmed the reports of Austria's internal troubles, which have heretofore been denied. He also warned the people of impending energetic repression of these troubles lest the support of Austria's allies be lost.

HOLD NEW GROUND ON WESTERN FRONT

Allies Secure in Positions Taken From Enemy; Artillery Has Advantage

IN CHAMPAGNE MANY PRISONERS WERE TAKEN

In the Argonne Progress Has Been Made in Vicinity of Boureuilles

Paris, Feb. 18.—The French war office this afternoon issued a report on the progress of the war as follows:

"From the sea to the Oise, nothing new was recorded last night. It has been confirmed that the successful surprise movement which made us master of the lines of the German trenches to the north of Arras, northwest of Rolincourt, inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. We captured a bomb-thrower and several hundred bombs.

"In the valley of the Aisne, and in the section of Rheims, there have been artillery engagements in which our batteries had distinctly the advantage.

"In Champagne, in the region of Perthes, all the territory conquered by us yesterday and the day before has been retained. Among the numerous prisoners made by us February 16 and February 17 are found officers and men of the sixth and eighth corps of the active army, and of the eighth, tenth and twelfth corps of the reserve army.

"In the Argonne we have also maintained the advances won in the forest of La Grurie, to the south of Fontaine aux Charmes. Furthermore, we have made progress in the vicinity of Boureuilles at Hill No. 263.

"Our success between the Argonne and the Meuse, reported in the official communications on the evening of February 17, has made us masters of a forest located to the south of the forest of Eppy. We have furthermore made an advance of about 400 yards to the north of Malincourt, and we have made almost as much at a point to the south of the Forest de Forges. All these gains have been retained by us.

"From the Meuse to the Vosges there is nothing to report."

Paris, Feb. 18.—The following official communication was issued by the war office last night:

"From the sea to the Oise, our artillery has carried on an efficacious shelling which has dispersed a number of gatherings, blown up some caissons and destroyed some trains.

"To the north of Arras we have taken two lines of trenches and beaten back violent counter-attack. We have made some prisoners and inflicted on the enemy heavy losses. A number of German officers have been killed.

"In the neighborhood of Rheims, near Loivre, the advances made on February 16, several hundred metres, have been maintained and consolidated.

"In the Champagne district we have followed up our gains to the northwest of Perthes, and have captured positions of the enemy on a front of 800 metres. All the German counter attacks to the north of Mesnil-les-Hurlus and Beausejour have been repulsed. We captured a large bomb-thrower and several small ones, and made 200 prisoners. This engagement continues.

"In the Argonne we have made progress in the forest of La Grurie and maintained our gain notwithstanding two violent counter attacks and several very hot actions at close quarters, which resulted in heavy losses to the enemy.

"A strong attack by the Germans was completely repulsed at Four de Paris.

"Between the Argonne and the Meuse we have made progress at different points.

"In Alsace we have taken control of the ridges which dominate the Sudel farm, and we have retained all the ground captured.

"Our airships have bombarded the railway stations of Freiburg and Breisgau."

PRISONERS CLAIMED NOW AMOUNT TO 64,000

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The official report on the progress of fighting given out in Berlin to-day says that the Russians taken prisoners by the Germans in East Prussia now amount to 64,000 men.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The president of the province of East Prussia, in Koenigsberg, has received the following telegram from Emperor William who has been on the eastern battlefront: "The Russians completely beaten. Our beloved East Prussia is free from the enemy."

Scene of Violent Fighting; The Front in the Carpathians and Bukowina

Britain Still Calm Despite Germany's Effort to Blockade

Only Effect So Far is Felt in Passenger Traffic to and From Holland; No Increase in Insurance Rates; Government Rate on Fishing Vessels Reduced.

London, Feb. 18.—The reply of Sir Edward Grey to the American note on the subject of the seizure and detention of American cargoes destined for neutral European ports, Germany's threat of a submarine blockade of Great Britain and Britain's retaliatory measures against it, are absorbing the attention of the British House of Commons. Sir Edward's long and carefully considered reply concerning the United States' complaints of delays to which her cargo ships have been subjected by the British navy, was much discussed, but naturally the German threat of a submarine blockade and Great Britain's preparations to counteract its effect were uppermost in the minds of shipowners and traders.

As Germany has for some time been attempting to sink all British ships which her submarines could approach, her blockade ultimatum has caused little alarm. The British people are quite as calm as they were before the supposed blockade became operative.

All important shipping companies have announced that there will be no change in their regular sailings, while the French and Belgian owned cross-channel steamers are maintaining their schedules.

The Dutch company which maintains a mail service between Flushing and Folkestone, has suspended sailings, and there has been some talk of mail being carried by Dutch destroyers.

There has been no increase in insurance rates, and, in fact, the government actually has reduced rates for fishing vessels, at the same time having arranged to pay compensation to sailors who may be injured as the result of hostilities. There has been an increase in the price of coal and in coal freights, but this is due entirely to the increased demand, particularly from Italy, together with a shortage of ships.

London, Feb. 18.—The immediate effect of the German submarine blockade of the British isles, beginning to-day, was to tie up all passenger traffic from England to Holland. The Scandinavian lines, however, have not as yet been affected.

Both the Zeeland and the Batavior lines have cancelled all passenger service to Holland, although they are continuing their freight and mail traffic. The Wilson line to Scandinavian ports is running as usual.

LLOYDS' RATE ON STATES BEING INVOLVED

London, Feb. 18.—Insurance was placed at Lloyds' to-day at 29 guineas per cent on policies covering the holder against war between the United States and Germany within six months. The premium for this same risk and period of time was five guineas per cent.

CARRANZA FORCES AGAIN EVACUATE MEXICO CITY

Washington, Feb. 18.—Carranza forces have again evacuated Mexico City, official dispatches to-day to the state department report, and the Zapata forces have re-entered. It was not stated to where the Carranza troops withdrew.

JITNEYS COLLIDED.

Seattle, Feb. 18.—In a collision between jitney buses at 8th avenue and Pike street last night, Mrs. H. L. Bowers, 620 1-2 Eastlake avenue, suffered lacerations on the scalp and bruises about the body, and Miss Geraldine McRae, Manhattan apartments, was bruised about the body. Both machines were wrecked.

Another Zeppelin Has Been Wrecked

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—The correspondent of the Politiken reports that a Zeppelin dirigible exploded yesterday over the Danish island of Faroe, off the west coast of Jutland.

WINNIPEG MEN WERE LOST.

The Pas, Man., Feb. 18.—Six Winnipeg men, lost in the Churchill barrens in northern Manitoba, were found by Indians headed for the Arctic, after they had wandered seven days without food. They had given up hope.

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GERMANY STATES SHE WILL STAND BY PLAN

Sends Reply to American Protest Against Attempt to Blockade British Waters

ADMITS PROPOSAL IS DUE TO BRITAIN'S GRIP

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The reply of Germany to the protest of the United States against a blockade of British waters is couched in the most friendly terms, but firmly maintains the position of Germany as already announced. The answer, which is a lengthy document, was converted in code at the United States embassy under the direction of American Ambassador Gerard and has been transmitted in full to Washington.

The note explains that Germany's proposed action is rendered necessary by Great Britain's policy of attempting to cut off the food supply for the German civil population by a method never recognized in international law. Britain's course in ordering merchantmen to fly neutral flags and equipping them with artillery with orders to destroy submarines, the German reply contends, renders nugatory the right of search, thus giving Germany the right to attack British shipping. Germany holds that she cannot abandon the right under the stress which Britain has forced upon her.

It is argued that since Germany must compel the nations with whom she is at war to return to the recognized principles of international law and restore the freedom of the seas, the stand she has taken is necessary.

The note recommends that the United States government send warships to Britain to convoy merchant vessels through the danger zone, as security against attack, with the understanding that vessels thus guarded shall carry no war supplies. Hope is expressed that the American government will understand the position in which Germany has been placed and appreciate the reasons for its course. The reply closes with an expression of the hope that the United States may prevail upon Great Britain "to return to the principles of international law recognized prior to the outbreak of the war," and in particular obtain the observance of the London declaration by belligerents opposed to Germany. If this were done, the note explains, Germany would be enabled to import food supplies and raw materials. Germany would recognize in this, says the reply, an invaluable service toward a more humane conduct of the war and would act in accordance with the new situation thus created.

CLAIM FOUR BRITISH VESSELS WERE SUNK

Buenos Ayres, Feb. 18.—The German steamer Holger, which arrived here, brings news that during the month of January and February the German auxiliary cruiser Crown Prince Wilhelm, operating on the northern coast of Brazil, sank the British steamer Hemisphere, the British steamer Potaro, the sailing ship Sumatra and the sailing ship Wilfred. The crews of these vessels are on board the Holger.

STRUGGLE ON EAST FRONT OVERSHADOWS OTHER OPERATIONS

Germans Plan More Active Efforts in Western Arena if They Can Gain Mastery at Northern End of Eastern Line; On Right Bank of Vistula Fighting Continues With Ferocity; Enemy Loses Heavily in Galicia.

London, Feb. 18.—Notwithstanding its intense interest in the important question which now involves shipping interests, Britain has not lost sight of the military operations now in progress on both fronts. The fighting in East Prussia and Bukowina, where the two extreme wings of the Russian army are heavily engaged by Austro-German forces, is considered the most important activity now going on either in the east or west. Petrograd dispatches insist that the Russians carried out in perfect order their retirement in East Prussia.

An important battle is raging in the vicinity of Augustowo where in the fall the Russians succeeded in stopping a previous German attempt to invade Russia. Now, however, the Muscovites have a much more serious threat to deal with, for, besides having sent a new army into East Prussia, the Germans are in strong force in the district between East Prussia and the lower Vistula. Their continued advance there would jeopardize the Russians who are holding the trenches to the south of the Vistula and who succeeded in frustrating Field Marshal von Hindenburg's attempts to reach Warsaw from the west.

The German plans are not quite clear, but it is believed they still have their eyes on Warsaw and hope, by taking that city, to break the Russian power to resume the offensive so that they may be fee to take more energetic steps against the allies in the west.

Anticipating this possibility, the allies during the last two days have made a vigorous attack against the Germans in Flanders and France. The outcome of this effort cannot be stated, as the French and German reports are in direct conflict.

In Bukowina the Austrians are reported to have partly surrounded the Russians before Czernowitz, but the battle still is in progress, and reinforcements are reaching the Russians, who have the advantage of undamaged railways both to this point and to Nadworna, farther west, which the Austrians have reoccupied.

The Russians report continued progress in the Carpathians.

Petrograd, Feb. 18.—The general staff of the Russian army has issued a report on the progress of fighting as follows:

"On the right bank of the Vistula the fighting has been going on in almost the same locality with great ferocity in certain sections.

"In the region of the Niemen river we have found only patrols of the enemy.

"On the left bank of the Vistula there has been no change.

"In Galicia we repulsed an attack on the Khava-Viksrotsch front with great loss to the enemy. Forther to the east the enemy endeavored to attack us in the region of Loubne-Stoudenne, but without success.

"In repelling this attack we made prisoners of ten officers and 1,400 soldiers and captured three guns.

"On the front from Koziouwka to Mount Wysckoff the Germans delivered a series of determined and spirited attacks, forcing themselves vigorously in the direction of Mount Wysckoff. All these advances were repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy. Almost an entire battalion was put to the bayonet. The rest of the Germans were made prisoners.

"There is no change in Bukowina."

PREPARING TO ATTACK ON WHOLE EAST LINE

Germany's Great Effort; Russians Will Not Advance Until Proper Moment

London, Feb. 18.—A Petrograd dispatch to the London Morning Post, sent yesterday, says:

"I have now recejved information which tends to clear up the situation hitherto rather difficult to understand. The Germans are preparing a general attack along the whole Russian strategic front, over seven hundred miles in extent. The enormous power developed by Germany in this attempt is eloquent of long years of preparation.

"After the attempt to break through the Russian defence at salient points of the line at Borjimow, which was successfully mastered, the Germans advanced in East Prussia in overwhelming force, which, for months past has been quietly pushing forward in this region.

"The Russians were fully aware of this movement, and made no serious attempt to check it. On the contrary they moved forward a strong cavalry screen through the region of the right bank of the lower Vistula, which at one time penetrated into German territory, and at the same time developed hidden activity in the region of the Mazurian Lakes, with the object of fixing the Germans in their determination to attack in this direction.

"Apparently the Germans originally estimated the force necessary for their purpose here at four new army corps, in addition to the men that are holding the positions in East Prussia. The cadres for these four corps were quietly withdrawn from the armies on the western front and their numbers filled up from new levies from the interior of Germany. When, however, the Russians began making a show of renewed activity over the wide front extending from the lower Vistula to Tilsit, the Germans doubled the original estimate.

"Eight to ten army corps are now believed to have been concentrated in East Prussia and launched upon the region north of the Vistula and eastward toward the Niemen. They came on like an avalanche, a veritable German lightning stroke, but the Russians had foreseen, betimes, the entire manoeuvre. They retired, leaving adequate forces of admirable light horse to carry on a running fight along the line of the German advance. The siege of Bovren fortress was abandoned and all the Russian forces, after laying waste the entire region, retired upon their fortified position toward the Niemen.

"The position at the present moment is that the Germans are already advancing upon Osowicz fortress once more, and fighting has already taken place around Augustowo, while the German line north of the lower Vistula has reached Plock and Racionz, about a couple of marches from the fortress of Novo Georgievsk, northeast of Warsaw. Between the lower and upper reaches of the Vistula the front remains where it was three months ago and the situation is, briefly, that the Germans cannot, and the Russians will not, advance.

"The Russians will not advance until the proper moment comes. They will continue steadily to fulfil their task of slaying the greatest possible number of German troops in the cheapest way, patiently waiting the time when the general advance upon Germany at home can be made profitably."

TURKEY MAKES FULL APOLOGY TO GREECE

Yields to Demand for Satisfaction for Insult to Naval Attache

London Feb. 18.—Turkey has yielded to the demand for satisfaction made by Greece because of the insult offered an attache of the Greek legation at Constantinople.

The director-general of police at Constantinople, it is officially announced, visited the Greek legation in that city, and, in the presence of all the members of the staff, formally expressed his regret at the insult offered the Greek naval attache. He promised further that an official communication to this effect would be published in the press. The incident is now regarded as closed.

The Greek minister to Turkey left Constantinople the latter part of last week, the secretary of the legation in charge, because the Porte was slow in carrying out its agreement to give satisfaction for an insult offered the Greek naval attache.

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Col. L. W. Herchmer, Who Died at Vancouver, Was Well Known Citizen of Canada

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—After an illness of there days, Col. Laurence William Herchmer, aged 74 years, died yesterday in the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. R. C. Townley, 944 Hastings street west. His death terminated a career of distinguished empire service both in Canada and in South Africa, and his loss will be felt by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. He was for sixteen years commissioner of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police.

Col. Herchmer was born at Shipton-on-Sherwell, Oxford, England. He was a son of Rev. Wm. Macaulay Herchmer, M. A., of Queen's College, Oxford, one of the old empire loyalist stock. Though born in England, Col. Herchmer was a Canadian, his family living in Kingston, Ontario, where his father was a Church of England clergyman, for a number of years.

His father was a brother of the American General Herchmer. He entered the army and served with the British army in India. He was gazetted ensign in the 46th Foot in 1858. In 1872 he served on the British North America boundary commission and received the thanks of the imperial government. He was Indian agent in 1878, and served on the Indian Rebel Loss commission in 1885. In the same year he was appointed inspector of Indian agencies.

Then, in 1886 he was appointed commissioner of the Royal Northwest Mounted Police. He was in this capacity very well known, and brought the force up to a state of great efficiency. This position he held until he went to South Africa in 1900, commanding the second contingent of the Canadian Mounted Rifles. He went out as a lieutenant-colonel and on his return he was made an honorary colonel. He then retired from the Northwest Mounted Police.

He lived in Calgary for a short time after his retirement, subsequently coming to Vancouver and Victoria.

Col. Herchmer married in 1866 his first wife, Mary Helen Sherwood, daughter of Henry Sherwood, of Ottawa, who died in 1889. By his first wife he had three sons and one daughter, Harry W. Herchmer, barrister, Victoria; Sherwood Herchmer, barrister, Fernie; Lewis Herchmer, who lives in the upper country, and Mrs. Ingles, who lives in England. In 1905 he married again, his second wife being Ethel Jane Ashworth, of Toronto. Their daughter is Laurencia, a little girl of four years.

THE DEMANDS JAPAN IS MAKING OF CHINA

Memorandum Handed to Diplomatic Representatives in Peking Outlines Them

Peking, Feb. 18.—The memorandum recently handed by the Japanese legation to the diplomatic representatives here of Great Britain, France, Russia and the United States, respecting the demands of the Tokio government on China, is understood to contain eleven demands, as follows:

In relation to Shantung, Japan asks that China transfer to her all rights and concessions previously enjoyed by Germany and requires China to consult Japan on all matters previously agreed upon between the Germans and Chinese in the province of Shantung. China is to agree not to alienate or lease Stantung or any part of the coast on any pretext to any foreign government; and similarly no island near Shantung is to be leased to any foreign power.

China is asked to grant to Japan the right to construct a railroad from Kiau Chau to Chi Fo, and certain cities in the province of Shantung are to be opened as treaty ports.

In southern Manchuria and Mongolia the extension is asked of the terms of the lease of Kwang Tung (Port Arthur and Darien) and the Manchurian and Mukden railroads.

In the same region Japan asks for the acquisition by Japanese of the rights of residence and ownership of the land and the grant of mining rights. In the same region of southern Manchuria and Mongolia the following requests are made:

Before granting railroad concessions to any third power, China must agree to consult Japan in advance.

Before endeavoring to obtain capital for loans from any third power, China must consult Japan.

Before choosing any foreign political, military or financial advisers, China must consult Japan.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Press dispatches from Peking and Tokio concerning the Japanese demands on China attracted much interest here to-day, but officials of the government and diplomats at the Japanese and other embassies would not discuss them in any way.

The United States government has kept in close touch with developments along with Great Britain, France and Russian, through the embassies and legations in Europe, as well as at Tokio and Peking. Also Secretary Bryan and Ambassador Chinda are understood to have discussed the situation informally here.

MAY BE A DARK HORSE IN VANCOUVER BYE-ELECTION

L. D. Taylor is Again in Field for Mayor; City Clerk Holds Sway at City Hall.

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—L. D. Taylor, whose election was yesterday declared void by Mr. Justice Clement, is in the field again for mayor. He intends to conduct a vigorous campaign for re-election, and arrangements are already under way.

City Clerk McQueen holds sway at the city hall and will continue to do so until an acting mayor is appointed by the council. Mr. McQueen will summon the aldermen in session on Friday afternoon when a successor to Mr. Taylor will be named to act until the people elect a new mayor.

A dark horse may be run against Mr. Taylor at the coming by-election. That a new man must be got to defeat him is the opinion of civic politicians seen yesterday. They argue that neither T. S. Baxter, Charles S. Douglas nor Joseph Martin, K. C., would be able to get up sufficient strength to win.

SMALL FRENCH SHIP SUNK BY SUBMARINES

Paris, Feb. 18.—An official communication by the ministry of marine tells of the sinking on Tuesday by the German submarine U-16 of the French steamer Ville de Lille, off the Barfleur lighthouse, a short distance east of Cherbourg, after the submarine had ordered the crew to leave the steamer. The statement says:

"The French steamer Ville de Lille, belonging to the Compagnie Navigation des Bateaux, sailing from Cherbourg to Dunkirk, sighted the German submarine U-16 near the lighthouse at Barfleur, at 1.30 yesterday.

"The Ville de Lille endeavored to escape, but was outspeeded by the submarine, men from which boarded her and gave the crew ten minutes to leave the ship. They then sank the Ville de Lille by bombs placed in her interior.

"The U-16 headed for a Norwegian steamer, but sank out of sight when a division of French torpedo boats from Cherbourg appeared on the horizon."

The Ville de Lille was a small steamer of 997 tons.

KAISER WILL APOLOGIZE TO AMERICAN AMBASSADOR

Basel, Feb. 18.—Emperor William will apologize personally to James W. Gerard, the American ambassador to Germany, for the hostile demonstration which occurred at a Berlin theatre on the evening of February 9, according to a telegram received here to-day from the German capital.

GREAT ENTHUSIASM AT LIBERAL MEETING

(Continued from page 1.)

"The lack of opportunity for profitable enterprise in the settlement and cultivation of our lands—I might pause to say even the lack of encouragement to men to go upon our lands—tends to produce the economic conditions with which we are cursed today by the influx of people from the country to the city. The effect of this influx is to congest the labor markets of the urban and industrial centres, and cause men to beat down their fellow men in the unavoidable competition which is necessitated by the struggle for existence.

"Therefore, one of the first problems to which responsible government should apply itself is to inaugurate such a policy as will not only relieve this congestion, reduce and minimize this competition, readjust the relations of the various bodies of citizens so that their privileges, opportunities, profits of labor, productivity, consumption and the business transactions that have to do with all these should be spread more evenly over society as a whole.

"Let me use a homely illustration—one that has been used before: Out in the Delta of the Fraser river a farmer follows his plough in breaking ground on which to raise grain with which to fatten his stock for the markets. In his efforts toward making the soil productive he wears out his boots and, at the first opportunity, comes to your city, and from one of your merchants replaces his worn-out footwear. Your retailer then orders from the wholesaler, who, in turn, orders from the manufacturer. Your manufacturer must go, in his turn, to the tanner for the hides from which to make the boots. The tanner, completing the circle, goes back to the farmer to buy the hide of the calf, to provide the food for which compelled the farmer, in the first instance, to till the soil. So, you see, we thus have a circle of interests so dependent one upon the other that the man in the store, the man in the wholesale establishment, the man in the factory as well as the man in the tannery—and the banker who backs them all—have such a community of interests that, if any one of them is to be reall prosperous they must all share to some extent in the processes which result in that prosperity.

"But—and I wish to impress this upon you—they are all dependent on the basic industry of agriculture.

"Is it not a striking instance of the lack of statesmanlike foresight, that after eleven years of power we have the chairman of a commission which has cost thousands upon thousands of dollars confessing that the government of which he is a supporter has not only neglected to foster agriculture, but has permitted the very land areas themselves to be blockaded against settlement and production.

"It should not be difficult for any political party—unless it is bound up and handicapped by its affiliation with corporate interests in such a manner as to cripple its power—to expand along legitimate lines for the welfare of the province, and to find ways and means for the furtherance of the common interest.

"It is not difficult for wide awake men, men who have had experience in financial affairs, and who have made observations in other countries, to tell at a glance what ails British Columbia. It is not altogether a money stringency that hinders and hampers our development.

"Sir George Paish, one of the foremost political economists and financial authorities in Great Britain, has said that both the governments and people in Canada must devote themselves to encouraging production, and that genuine efforts along this line would receive ready assistance from the money markets of the world, because it is always wise policy to invest money in productive enterprises.

"Let me point out that none of the Overseas Dominions has a higher credit in Europe than has New Zealand, and the reasons for this are that money loaned to New Zealand goes into land settlement and production, the lender having, therefore, the very best and most satisfactory security.

"A similar policy adopted by us would go a long way to re-establish our credit, which has been seriously injured by a reckless policy of guarantees to railways and machine manipulation of the millions of dollars spent on roads, trails, bridges and public works for political advantage rather than the benefit of the public.

"It would be a testimony to the fact that the government of the country is turning its back upon speculative and uncertain enterprises, and is devoting its attention to the development of its resources, which must have the result of restoring confidence in all lines of industry.

"Sir Richard McBride says that railways, roads and bridges must be built before any attempt is made to induce agricultural settlement. I want to point out to you that some twenty-five millions of dollars have been expended by the McBride administration since it came into power on roads, trails and bridges within the province, and we have, over and above this, assumed the tremendous responsibility for and guaranteed railway bonds to the extent of over $80,000,000.

"And yet, look at the condition of our agriculture. What agricultural settlements have we along the routes of railways at the present time? Roads are unquestionably necessary under proper settlement conditions, but the haphazard construction of roads under political conditions, and in order to carry constituencies simply means the encouragement of "wagon-road" farmers who produced votes and not food. To-day the province is being drained of an amount in excess of $30,000,000 annually for the food products it should raise with its boundaries.

"The government appointed a royal commission on agriculture which cost the province $42,000 in 1913 alone to inquire into this question. This commission reported in favor of the policy advocated by the Liberals for years, and yet the premier stated in the legislature that the proposition was a 'monstrous absurdity.' In 1913 a small portion of the Liberal platform was enacted by the present administration, and free land was granted to the pre-emptor. This after the speculator was surfeited with land, the choicest pickings of the country. The pre-emptor was graciously permitted to select his location from the lands rejected by the speculator. Yet, even under these adverse conditions, we find a considerable increase in the number of pre-emptions. What would have happened had the choice lands been available?

"We are criticized for destructive criticism, but I would point out that if you want to erect a new, comfortable, commodious and modern building on the site where now stands the old, ramshackle and germ-infested structure, your first effort must be to raze the old structure to the ground and thoroughly clear away the debris in order to have a good foundation on which to build your new domicile. We have gone so far in what we may call destructive criticism. You are ready to ask, if we destroy the old structure, what we propose to put in its place.

"In the first place let me point out that the Liberal party is, always has been, and always will be opposed to the speculative land policy of the present government. It is, therefore, in a position—with its hands free of obligation toward or sympathetic feeling for any policy of land exploitation—to inaugurate and carry out a land settlement policy at once effective and full of promise. It need not enact or inaugurate any land policy at variance with any of its former practices or protests. It need not go through the mockery of pretending to be in sympathy with progressive ideals, while all its past activities stand out boldly to contradict its new assumptions and pledges.

"What a hollow mockery it is to expect from a government that has consistently fostered a policy of land speculation any real or honest attempt to reverse a policy so long encouraged by themselves!

"Let me point out to you that before any successful land policy can be adopted in British Columbia the administration of the lands must be taken absolutely out of politics. The administration of land and the conduct of a sound land policy will require that it will be placed under the responsibility of a commission absolutely devoid of partizanship or political interests.

"As to the financing of a rational scheme for the encouragement of land settlement, as well as assisting those who have already bravely breasted the difficulties of our conditions and attached themselves to the land, let me make it clear to you that the amounts paid out as commissions on land sales, together with the cost of royal commissions to investigate this, that and the other and make reports to the government which are not acted upon, had they been so applied, would have paid interest on a vast sum that might have been devoted to such land settlement.

"I shall give you a few of the figures so that there may be no biased criticism. We have spent on commissions, paid to middlemen for sale of crown lands, Indian reserves, etc., and for the services of royal commissions, such as agriculture, taxation, coal and labor, during the past three years a sum which must be not less than $350,000.

"You can easily reckon that this sum would have paid interest on no less than $7,000,000, which might have been loaned, on good security, and at a slightly higher rate of interest to provide for the collection of a sinking fund sufficient in due time to discharge the debt. This single statement shows conclusively that, either our government is not a business government, or that it has not applied its business talents honestly to the solution of these problems.

"Just here I think I can expect that you should say: 'You have told us that the best lands in the province have been alienated to speculators and that there is little desirable land available for new settlement. What are you going to do with these alienated and unpaid-for lands?'

"My answer to that is this: These lands were purchased under the authority of laws already on the statute books of the province. That they have not been paid for is because the statutes under which title was sought have not been complied with. All the machinery of law and statute necessary to deal with that situation is already in existence. If they are made effective no new policy need, necessarily, be enacted.

"There is on the statutes provision made for the collection of a wild land tax of 4 per cent., and the collection of this tax alone upon an honest assessment of the land values would furnish the treasury with a sufficient amount to be of material assistance in carrying out an efficient land policy.

"More than this, such a course would result either in the improvement and cultivation of these lands or their relinquishment to the crown for other disposition. The wild land tax was designed to prevent the withholding of lands from production, and we will apply that tax not as punishment for withholding land from use, but with sufficient pressure to induce you to make it productive. We will aid you to make it productive. Aid you by furnishing a reasonable amount of money at a reasonable rate of interest for making approved of improvements, and between taxation on the one hand and aid on the other, we will make it to your advantage to make your holdings productive or to turn them over to others who would do so. As far as the resources of the province will permit we will aid the individual holder to improve his holdings to such an extent that he can obtain, with industry, a comfortable livelihood therefrom.

"There are no insuperable difficulties in the way of righting the affairs of this province. Other countries have had their land and other problems—most of them quite as difficult as our own—and they have solved them. You need turn only to the report of the agricultural commission for date on this subject.

"The difficulty in British Columbia during the last ten years has been to secure the return to our legislature of men and ministers who would honestly attack these problems. The electorate of this province have allowed themselves to be deceived. Election succeeding election has found them placing confidence in promises and pledges which were, apparently, never made to be fulfilled. A long train of broken promises marks the historic trail of the present administration, and the public should, by this time, be convinced that no reliance can be placed on the leaders of a government which has consistently betrayed its public trust.

"There are men and newspapers supporting the Conservative party, who, seeking to divert the public mind from the main issues at stake, will ask us to go into the minutest detail. How much money will Jones be able to borrow on his security under our regime? How much will be available for somebody's irrigation scheme? Will we introduce government land clearing as a part of the policy? etc.

"I submit that all such questions are questions of administrative detail.

"The thing to be assured of and to base confidence upon is that a practical and efficient solution of this problem is possible if men of business capacity honestly apply themselves to its solution.

"I stand here to assure you that, when the Liberal party is elected to power in this province these problems will be honestly dealt with, and, what is more to the point, they will be solved.

"These problems must be solved by somebody if we are ever to have a return of prosperity to this province. You must trust somebody to solve them. Who are you going to trust?"

Ralph Smith, president of the Vancouver and District Liberal association, who presided, charged the government with extravagance and with trying to hush up the criticism of the Liberals on the plea that it was unpatriotic. Mr. Smith urged economy in place of what had been going on, but said that economy was not parsimony, but money spent that produced results.

M. A. Macdonald's cutting criticism of the government for its failure to protect the people in the Dominion Trust deal was stirring in its effect, and the speaker frequently had to pause till the applause subsided.

The compensation for workingmen injured in industrial enterprises was the subject dealt with exclusively by John Oliver, and he gave a very interesting and instructive description of such legislation and the good results which followed. He charged labor leaders with remissness in their duties in their failure to urge such legislation.

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Salem, Ore., Feb. 18.—Governor James Withycombe was reminded yesterday that 100 years ago the treaty of peace, which ended the last war between the United States and Great Britain, was signed. Among telegrams received was one from the Canadian Peace Centenary association and another from the city of Victoria, B. C.

The message from Victoria said: "Victoria embraces with pleasure the opportunity afforded of renewing expressions of esteem and goodwill for the people of the United States, and especially of the states of the Pacific coast.'

EXPLOSION IN MINE.

Wilkesbarre, Pa., Feb. 18.—Eight mine workers were killed and six others seriously injured by an explosion of gas at the Prospect colliery of the Lehigh Valley Coal Company here yesterday. Two of the injured probably will die.

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DOMINION TRUST REPORTS

Information Sought as to Former Action of the Inspector of Trust Companies.

There has been a good deal of speculation as to whether or not the inspector of trust companies, who has been in office since April 1, 1911, as an official of the department of finance under the Trust Companies Regulation act, made any investigation of the affairs of the Dominion Trust company or any report on his inspection, if he made one, before the inspection and report of last summer, which the attorney-general relies upon as the government's first intimation of there being anything wrong. To settle this J. T. Place (Nanaimo) will to-morrow ask the following questions:

"1. Did the Dominion Trust company forward to the minister a report as required by section 4, Trust Companies Regulation act, on the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December, 1913?

"2. Did the directors or committee of the Dominion Trust company deposit with the inspector a duplicate of the report in 1914 as required by section 55, Trust Companies act?

"3. If questions 1 and 2 are answered in the affirmative, where are these reports now?

4. Did the inspector of trust companies make or cause any inspection to be made on behalf of the government of the Dominion Trust company's affairs in 1912, 1913 or 1914?

"5. If so, what are the approximate dates of such inspections?"

WHAT FRUIT INDUSTRY OF PROVINCE NEEDS

Parker Williams Points Out Tariff Discrimination Against Man on Farm

It was apple-growers' day in the legislature yesterday afternoon, when the resolution moved by Alex. Lucas, member for Yale, was debated briefly. This calls for the adoption of increased and adequate protection for the apple-grower—in the language of the resolution, of Canada, but in effect of British Columbia.

The sort of tariff legislation which would assist the fruit-grower and agriculturist generally was brought to the attention of the house by the member for Newcastle, who in a short and excellent speech demanded free agricultural implements, lower freight rates, and the enforcement of the dumping clause. With this done he had no fear that British Columbia could not hold its own against the world in the raising of apples. Mr. Williams gave some simple and striking instances of the discrimination which exists against the farmer as compared with the manufacturer in other lines.

Mr. Lucas, in speaking to his resolution, which he read in full, said its effect would be to place on record the views of the house in regard to this matter, and was not out of place. The policy of Canada for thirty-seven years had been one of a fixed protective tariff for the benefit of the industries of the country. Of these industries a very important one was that of fruit-growing, in which there was invested something like $128,000,000 or $130,000,000. In British Columbia the industry was on the increase, in it was invested about $20,000,000 and the present output was worth $1,000,000 a year. There was a large over-production of apples across the line, and these found a market in the middle west. It might be said that there was the dumping clause of the tariff, but in effect this could be got over. The Northwest merchants were able to say they would bring in United States apples and sell them, not as dumped product for what they would bring, but at what they were worth.

There was a combine among the fruit-dealers on the prairies, Mr. Lucas said, the stores being known as the Nash houses, tied up to a Minneapolis firm. If there was a protective duty imposed it would raise the price of apples to a normal figure, and would not increase the prise to the consumer. But it would prevent the Nash houses using the United States apples as a club to hit the British Columbia grower.

Parker Williams, as no member of the government made a move to speak, rose to say that he had thought the government would disclose its line of action on the resolution. The motion was a most unusual one and a debate on it would have to follow along many lines. As a matter of fact, he believed it was for its effect in the electoral district of Yale rather than on the Dominion parliament it was intended; that it was a kind of political hail-maker designed for distribution among the electors of that constituency. If inquiry was made it would probably be found that every elector in Yale who had a good mail service was by this time in possession of a copy of the resolution.

"If we cannot grow apples and compete in the open market with apples grown south of the boundary," continued Mr. Williams, "it would be advisable to devote the attention of those in the industry to those lines in which we could hold our own. Why can we not compete when we produce such excellent fruit? There is, by the way, much misleading information disseminated from the department of agriculture as to the places where good apples can be grown. You would think that the only places were in the Okanagan and parts of the interior. Vancouver Island grows as good an apple, from any standpoint, as the interior, and Vancouver Island, the Fraser valley and British Columbia generally can grow apples that will compete with any in the world from every standpoint. What is the matter, then, that we have to appeal to the federal government for the protection of the industry?

"The farmer is as much a manufacturer as the man who owns a factory, but he is discriminated against in the tariff. Two general principles of the tariff are that raw materials come in free, and that in almost every case the machinery used to turn those raw commodities into other commodities is admitted free. But what do we find? That the manufacturer gets his machinery in free while that other great manufacturer, the farmer, is heavily taxed for the machinery he requires to turn his raw materials into marketable commodities. Threshing machines, cultivators, ploughs, harrows, hoeing machines, are all taxed 17½ per cent.; weed cutters, land rollers, axes, scythes, forks, hoes, have to pay 22 per cent. These are all machinery used on the ranch to build up an apple or hay or grain or any other crop.

"At the same time you find that mining machinery, smelting machinery, printing presses, and virtually all factory equipment comes in free of duty. All the machinery of the factory does is to change the raw material into other commodities, to change the character of the commodities, and that is all the farm machinery does. The machinery, whatever it is, takes hold of a commodity and transforms it into some other; the processes on the farm and in the factory are at bottom the same. The smelter makes blister-copper out of copper ore; the farmer makes potatoes out of muskeg. And yet you allow the one to have free machinery and tax the other. There is absolutely no logic in the tariff process, but that is the process. If you allowed farm machinery to come in free like other machinery you would find that the B. C. fruit-grower could compete in the open market without having to make this appeal for protection."

At this point the speaker suggested that the honorable gentleman was getting away from the text of the resolution.

Mr. Williams maintained that he was well within the mark, seeing that the question of the tariff as it affected the fruit industry was brought in by Mr. Lucas' very inclusive resolution. The reason that the fruit-grower had to cry for help was that he was placed by the tariff at a disadvantage throughout Canada. Take fire-brick, for an instance, which every factory had to have for its boilers, and drain tiles, which were of as great necessity on the farm, and both allied manufactures. The manufacturer was able to line his fire-boxes with brick on which he had to pay no duty, but the poor farmer had to pay 17½ per cent. on his tiles. Was there a clearer case of discrimination against the man on the farm than that? The duty on the grindstone over 36 inches, which was the kind geared to power, was only one-half what was charged on the smaller size, the sort the farmer turned by hand. The chemicals used for fertilizers and sprays were charged 25 per cent., while chemical for use in the manufactures and the arts got in free.

"Instead of protecting the farmer by giving him free agricultural machinery," said the member for Newcastle in closing, "and enabling him to produce at a lower cost, we ask the federal parliament to raise the price of apples to the whole country. In the amendment which I have to make to the resolution, I ask that parliament be requested to assist the farmer and fruit-grower by more energetic service on the part of the railway commission in releasing him from oppressive freight charges, by rigidly enforcing the dumping clauses of the customs tariff, and by making such changes in the tariff as will give the producer of fruit, grain and other foodstuffs the same advantageous position in the matter of free raw material and free machinery as is enjoyed by other interests producing commodities for sale.

"We can then grow apples against any country in the world. If we cannot compete with a fair opportunity in the open market we should get out of the business, but with a fair open field and no favors we can hold our own."

Sir Richard McBride maintained that the reason why mining machinery and other machinery was admitted duty free was because it was not made in this country, and so there was no industry in that line to protect. As to the subject of the resolution, the British Columbia Fruit-growers' association has adopted very strong resolutions for presentation to the federal government on the question of the fruit duty. This province was in line for an increase in the duty, and had the assurance of the fruit-growers that so far as price was concerned the conditions on the prairies would not be affected. The cry all over the Dominion was: "Help the producer," and it would be a wise and commendable thing for Ottawa to give an adequate measure of protection to the fruit industry of the country. The premier gave the resolution his blessing. Of the amendment, he suggested that the member for Newcastle was not sincere or he would have placed a substantive motion on the paper calling attention to the tariff matters he had referred to.

Mr. Speaker called the premier to order and reminded him that he must assume that an honorable member of the house was sincere in his motives, and Sir Richard accepted the correction.

Mr. Williams was unable to accede to the suggestion that he withdraw his amendment, for the reason that the adoption of the main resolution would tend to increase the price of apples, while adoption of the amendment would have the other tendency.

Dr. George A. McGuire, the senior member for Vancouver, whose insurgency is demonstrated at least once every session, declared it to be a peculiar thing that this resolution should be presented at the present time; peculiar in that it asked the Dominion government to increase rather than decrease the cost of living when the great question agitating the public was the high cost of all commodities. The resolution did not meet the trouble at all, that trouble being with the transportation companies and the other distributors. In Vancouver, while there were certain articles on the free list, grape-fruit, for instance, cost two for twenty cents or a quarter, when they were selling in Seattle three for ten cents, showing that the duty had nothing to do with it, but the distributors had an unfair advantage.

"If it were not for my experience with another matter," said the doctor, referring to the coal question and his attempts to have something done by the government here, "and my realization of the futility of all these inquiries, I might move for an inquiry into the way in which the wholesalers, produce men and merchants do their business, but the experience we had with the other matter would deter me from attempting anything of the kind in the future. I intend to vote against both resolutions, because I do not think this is a matter for passing resolutions about."

When it came to a vote, however, Dr. McGuire was not sure how he would vote on the amendment, but being in the house the speaker pointed out to him that he had to vote, so he was counted in along with the two Socialist members first, but then switched to support of the resolution. The main resolution was carried nominally upon the same vote, but actually without any division.

The attorney-general introduced five new bills, the most important of which is that in amendment of the Municipal Act, in which is incorporated several of the amendments asked for by the Union of B. C. Municiupalities, by Vancouver, Prince Rupert, Saanich, Oak Bay and other municipalities, as noted in these columns during the past couple of weeks. Other bills amend the Plans Cancellation Act, the Line Fences Act, the Statute of Limitations and the Religious Institutions Act.

Mr. Bowser gives notice of a bill further to amend the Master and Servant Act by adding to the bill which W. H. Hayward has now before the house the following section: "Every master who neglects to pay out the said fund or any portion thereof to, or withholds or attempts to withhold the said fund or any portion thereof from the medical practitioner to whom the same is payable under this act shall be liable, upon summary conviction, to a penalty of fifty dollars."

Mr. Place gives notice of a question for to-morrow as to the intentions of the government to introduce legislation this session along the lines of the request of the retail merchants' employees.

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London, Feb. 18.—Major Cory, D. S.O., attached to the general headquarters staff, who is a graduate of Kingston Military college, and Major J. S. Davidson, formerly of the Montreal heavy brigade, and now on the general headquarters staff, are both mentioned in Sir John French's dispatches.

The following, attached to General French's headquarters staff, are mentioned in last night's dispatches:

Colonel Nanton, a graduate of Kingston, who served with the Midland Battalion, Canadian militia, in the rising in the Northwest Territories in 1885; Col. Price, formerly field officer of the Canadian militia, and Captain H. S. Rogers, a Kingston graduate.

London, Feb. 18.—Corporals Bennett and Spurgeon and Private Mosshead, of the Princess Patricias, are reported wounded. They have arrived in London.

London, Ont., Feb. 18.—Lance Corporal James Forrester, of C company, 18th Battalion, Canadian Expeditionary Force, who has been under guard at Wolseley barracks pending a court-martial on a charge of desertion, evaded his guards early at night, crawled through a lavatory window and escaped. Forrester is an Englishman.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S SECOND CONTINGENT HAS CROSSED

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 18.—News was received here yesterday that Newfoundland's second contingent, numbering 250 men, has arrived at Liverpool. They will proceed at once to Fort George, Inverness, Scotland, where the first contingent is being trained. The second contingent boarded the British steamer Dominion off this port on Feb. 15, the Dominion stopping for the purpose on its voyage from Philadelphia to Liverpool.

FIRE IN BUNK-HOUSE CAUSES SEVERAL DEATHS

Marshfield, Ore., Feb. 18.—Six dead, two so badly burned that their deaths are probable, and six less seriously injured was the toll taken by a fire which early yesterday destroyed the three-story wooden bunkhouse at the C. A. Smith mills, at Bunker Hill, near here.

The dead are W. S. Glover, Roy B. Askey, Louis Kalinowski, Louis Pepas, Sydney E. L. Wise and A. A. Craig.

Byron Craig, a 12-year-old boy, and J. Johnson were so badly burned that no hope is held for their recovery.

To-day has no value for me except as the eve of to-morrow; it is always with to-morrow that my spirit wrestles.—Metternich.

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THE WAR.

The Paris bulletins last night and to-day confirm the impression we indicated yesterday—that the allies had begun to exert considerable pressure upon the German front in the west with large numbers of fresh trops. There have been gains from Flanders to the Vosges. First the British recaptured at St. Eloi, south of Ypres, the trenches taken from them a few days before. More progress was recorded on the Bethune-La Bassee road. Two lines of trenches have been captured north of Arras and very material advances have been made in the vicinity of Perthes, east of Rheims. In the Argonne progress has been made in the wood of La Grurie. In every case savage counter attacks by the Germans have been repulsed.

The Berlin bulletins mention none of these things. Henceforth the Kaiser's official bureau will not indicate a single German reverse. Nothing but victories will comprise the official communiques. The state of public opinion in Germany, reflected in the incoherent ravings of the German press, cannot endure admissions of defeat no matter how insignificant. The German nerve reacts very seriously to bad news. Hence Germany is described as winning always. She is —— in lying. It is one of the teachings of Clausewitz that a belligerent should avail itself of every means of circulating false information concerning the progress of the war to the disparagement of the enemy. Every German officer sleeps with a volume of Clausewitz under his pillow. If lying could win the war the allies would not have the ghost of a chance, but, unhappily for Germany, the struggle will be won by superior resources of men and money.

On the eastern front ferocious fighting is described by Petrograd as being in progress between East Prussia and the Vistula. The object of the Germans there plainly is to cut off the Russians now retiring upon their main bases. Along the Nieman front comparative quiet reigns, the Germans employing the greater part of their strength north of the Vistula. In Western Galicia the Russians have repulsed several severe attacks, capturing some 1,400 prisoners. They must have taken fifty thousand Austrians and Germans there and in the Carpathians since that phase of the struggle began.

Fierce fighting is in progress in Bukowina, where reinforcements are being rushed by the Grand Duke. The whole German and Austrian offensive is beginning to show that incoordination which spelt disaster for its predecessors. Its object, to destroy the Russian offensive, will not be realized. It is a frantic enterprise born of the desperation which prompted the ninth variation of Germany's naval policy.

Turkey has capitulated to Greece and has made her second humiliating apology within three months. First she had to make amends to Italy for a well-remembered affront, and now she has been forced to atone for an insult to a Greek attache at Constantinople. Turkey must walk warily, for the neutrals of southern Europe are looking for an excuse to take a hand in the war.

A combined British, French and Russian attack upon the Dardanelles and Bosphorus may be looked for any day. Several Russian dreadnoughts were scheduled for completion in the Black Sea last fall and they ought to be in commission now, although Russia is notoriously slow in building ships of war. The forcing of the Dardanelles would be a very dangerous enterprise, but trade and economic conditions will make an attempt urgent. When this strait falls into the hands of the allies an enormous source of supply of wheat and other produce will become immediately available to the allies.

A DICTATORSHIP.

The morning paper, in defending the growing centralization of power in the executive, points out that this tendency has become more or less pronounced in all parts of Canada recently. But in no other country where British institutions exist has there been such an alarming surrender of the powers of the legislature to the ministry as there is in this province. We are rapidly approaching the point where by secret order-in-council the executive can vary the laws passed by the representatives of the people as they deem politically, privately or personally advisable. The legislature of this country is becoming as innocuous as the Russian Duma or the late Chinese House of Representatives. We are in the grip of an absolutism which, if it is tolerated by the electors, will set British Columbia back many years.

Our contemporary reminds us that, anyway, the ministry is responsible to the legislature and therefore could not go wrong in the application of its enlarged discretionary powers. Just a fleeting glance at the legislature of this province will disclose the absurdity of that contention. Out of forty-two members there are only three—the two Socialists and Mr. Forster—who are not under the absolute domination of the two principal members of the cabinet. If Mr. Bowser said white was black the other thirty-seven members on the government side would dutifully agree with him. They pass measures introduced by ministers in some instances without reading them, with the result that a considerable part of each session is devoted to correcting the errors in legislation passed the year before. We are permitting the erection of a dictatorship whose power is becoming so absolute that it can suspend the application of statutes whenever it wishes and force the subservience of the electorate even in individual cases by the use of a club. Does the public want five years more of that sort of thing?

"NOW IS THE TIME."

The member for Yale and the Premier yesterday expressed their conviction that the time was opportune for recommending that the Canadian parliament increase the customs duties on fruit. By this they meant that increased customs taxation had become the order of the day. Last spring Mr. White, the Finance Minister, generously protected the steel and building supplies interests, with the result that within a week from the time the new schedule went into operation the public found the cost of the commodities turned out by those concerns raised to them. Last fall new taxes were imposed for war purposes, and the other day the Finance Minister brought down a measure which soon will make us realize what this conflict means in an economic sense. Incidentally it will afford us a broad outlook upon the Tory paradise, a Canada enjoying the blessings of "adequate protection."

On top of this, thousands of people are out of employment throughout the Dominion. Relief organizations in various cities are unable to cope with the distressing problems confronting them. As we showed a few days ago, the cost of foodstuffs is higher now by several points than at any other time in the history of the country, and even before the war Canada was top-liner among the nations of the world. Yet we are gravely assured by Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Lucas that now is an appropriate time for increasing the tariff on fruit, which, as every child knows, would involve an increase in its cost to the consumer. What they would have said had they been at all frank was that in view of the approaching provincial election and the fact that Mr. Lucas represents a fruit-growing constituency, the resolution introduced by him could be considered as excellent campaign material.

Why not adopt the solution suggested by Parker Williams? He moved in amendment that the legislature recommend that steps be taken by the federal authorities to release the farmers from oppressive transportation rates, to enforce the anti-dumping clause of the customs tariff, and to remove the duties from agricultural machinery and raw material used in agricultural production, which, of course, includes fruit-growing. That amendment, needless to say, was voted down. It did not provide for increased taxation.

The country is cursed with protection, the chief grievance of those prairie farmers upon whose circumstances the prosperity of Canada largely depends. Until that grievance is removed, especially in regard to farming implements, Canada's convalescence from the economic ailment from which she is suffering will be postponed. Whatever effect protection may have upon the manufacturing centres of the east, it is ruinous when applied to the west. You cannot increase a country's production of natural wealth by taxing the implements used in that pursuit, at the same time restricting the purchasing power of the consumer. Moreover, as long as we continue to have the enviable reputation of being the highest-priced country in the world to live in, our development and general prosperity will lag. If the provincial government is sincere in its protestations on behalf of the fruit-grower and farmer generally, let it put into effect an enlightened agricultural policy based upon the recommendations made by Mr. Lucas, not as a candidate for election but as one of the commissioners on agriculture, which, by the way, did not include an increase in the customs duties on fruit.

OSTRICH-LIKE.

The Montreal News says: "Had it not been for the action of the Canadian Senate two years ago the three Canadian Dreadnoughts might also have been able to play their parts in the decisive phases of the war." According to the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, had the commonwealth adopted the policy of which the News is enamored, every important Antipodean seaport, two of them as large as Montreal, if not larger, would now be in ashes. And were it not for the attitude of the party which has the support of the News Canada would not have had to depend upon the Anglo-Japanese alliance for the protection of the Pacific coast. Much as we appreciate the services rendered by the Idzumo it would have been more gratifying to us, though not to the Montreal News, to have had our own cruisers doing for us what Australia's ships did for our sister dominions.

Some of our comfortably-situated, highly-protected contemporaries in Montreal and Toronto cannot see it in that light. Nor would they grasp the point if Canadian, New Zealand and Australian cities had been bombarded by two of the most formidable armored cruisers in the German navy. What would fire and ashes on the Pacific coast be to the Montreal News and Star alongside the contemplation of Canadian ships as part of the fleet in the North Sea, already so overwhelmingly strong that the German navy fears to face it! New Zealand, which contributed a battle cruiser for service in European waters, had to depend upon the Australian navy for the protection of her coast. When this war is over he will be a bold man who dares to declare on a public plaiform in British Columbia that we should send battleships to Europe instead of providing for the protection of our own coasts. Let the "News" man or the "Star" man or any of the politicians they support, come out and try it.

NOTHING SINISTER IN IT.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer suggests that in view of the fact that the hoisting of the United States ensign on the Lusitania was a very transparent disguise, as that vessel must be known to German officers, there is a bare suspicion that the real object of the expedient was to involve the republic in complications.

This is a suggestion that is doubly discreditable in view of the statement of the captain of the liner that his purpose was to notify any lurking German submarine that the vessel carried American passengers and freight, an explanation that has been accepted with appreciation by American newspapers in the east. If the Lusitania had not resorted to this device, and had been torpedoed with the loss of several hundred Americans, her captain would have been taken to task on the other side for not notifying the Germans of their inclusion on the passenger list by flying the American flag. These passengers do not share our Seattle contemporary's illusion in regard to this expedient.

If Great Britain desired to create complications that would involve neutral powers in the war on her side it would profit her much more substantially if such a conspiracy were directed at one of the smaller nations in Europe. The intervention of Denmark or Roumania would be of much greater benefit to the allies than the participation of the United States. In fact, for six months or the greater part of a year they would lose more than they would gain by American intervention on their side. A considerable source of their war supplies would be cut off and the only advantage they could derive in compensation for this would be the assistance of the United States navy, which, while very formidable, is unnecessary, for the British fleet is large enough to cope with the navies of Germany, Austria and Turkey without the aid of a single ship flying the colors of any other power. It would be eight or nine months before the United States would be in a position to send enough land forces to affect the issue, and before that time expires the war will be at an end. There was no Machiavellian design in flying the United States ensign on the Lusitania; its object was to save the lives of non-combatants, Americans as well as British.

Sir Richard says that the defeat of the reciprocity pact three years ago indicates that protection is to be the fixed policy of this country for years to come. We always thought the question of protection had nothing to do with the rejection of the proposal; that the voters were actuated purely by patriotic motives and fear of absorption into the United States. The people of Canada have repented of their action in 1911 in sackclothes and ashes, as we predicted they would. You cannot interfere with the natural laws of trade without paying the penalty, and western Canada has paid it with a vengeance.

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In the eastern parts of the country, in the United States as well as in Canada, the average person is anxiously surveying the horizon for signs of spring. In this part of the world we are denied that hopeful anticipatory privilege, inasmuch as where there is practically no winter there can be no looking forward to the advent of the vernal season. In Europe they are anticipating the coming of spring, the time of new life and renewed hope, with altogether different feelings and anticipations. Death and devastation, not life renewed and strengthened, will be the experience there.

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To the esteemed Kaiser this war has just been one disappointment after another. Paris has not been taken and blackmailed, Calais has not been reached, Warsaw has not fallen, not a solitary German has set a belligerent foot on British soil, and now the much-lauded Zeppelin has proved a miserable failure as a war machine. But to be sure there is Belgium, crushed, but not conquered. Wonder if that is sufficient compensation for so many things anticipated that have not come to pass.

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Councilor Grant of Saanich is quoted as saying that a certain meeting hall in the municipality "is a trap." As this particular place happens to be the rendezvous of the Saanich Beaver Club, his description is strikingly apt, although we understand he was making especial reference to its susceptibility to fire. Even at that it would take a pretty big conflagration to purify the political atmosphere of a Beaver Club meeting place.

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Aspersions on the sincerity of Parker Williams ring falsely when they fall from the lips of Sir Richard McBride. We have only to survey the Premier's record to realize where such a charge ought to be directed. No public man who cynically announces on the floor of the legislature that his political creed is "to get in and when you are in to stay in" can be other than insincerity incarnate in his attitude to the electorate.

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We gather from what is taking place in the legislatures at Victoria and Ottawa that war is the opportunity for the politician whose career has proved a lamentable failure. Also for the interests whose illegitimate fortunes are found up in high taxation, or protection.

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Germans are warned not to be impatient, as the immediate effects of the blockade may not be apparent. Quite reasonable and timely, as everybody knows Germany has been doing all along all the blockading of which she is capable.

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Sir Richard McBride and Mr. Lucas claim that an increase in the customs tariff on fruit would help production. This falls foul of the morning's paper's theory that governments can do very little to promote agricultural production.

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The "scrap of paper" blockade of the British coast becomes effective to-day. To-morrow the blockade may be declared to apply to the air as well as the water.

WHY TOMMY ATKINS?

From the New York Evening Post.

What is the origin of "Tommy Atkins?" According to one theory, it was originally an invention for filling in a blank on an official form, like John Doe and Richard Doe. Another explains it with more circumstance. When Lucknow rose and all Europeans were ordered to the residency, a private named Thomas Atkins, of the Thirty-second Regiment, refused to leave his sentry duty, and was killed. His fame spread throughout India, so that all deeds of particular daring during the Mutiny were compared to his, and all heroes likened to him. The picture remembered by a correspondent of the London Sphere, in an old "Robinson Crusoe," second part, of a naked soldier named Thomas Atkins, who was killed by Tartars, does not seem a likely basis for the mysterious appellation.

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Our showing includes Suits in gabardines, superior quality serges, fancy tweed effects, as well as other novelty suitings in browns, navy blue, purple and black. Inspection invited. Prices range up to $45

—First Floor

NEW MILLINERY

Very smart Outing Hats for early spring wear in all the new leading shades, including sand and putty, are being shown in the millinery salon on second floor. Also smartly trimmed millinery and untrimmed shapes in fancy straws. Prices most reasonable. Inspection invited.

—Second Floor

A Regular $3.50 "Mona" Corset for $2.50

The Mona Corsets fit, wear and satisfy. Many women in this city know the true value of this corset. It has the improved reducing bands, and the corset skirt is held down smooth and flat, uniformly reducing hips and upper limbs.

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New spring shipment of Men's Knitted Ties in club stripes and plain shades. All the very latest designs and colorings. Each ..... **50¢**

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A Big Sale of White Lingerie Waists, Friday at $1

All new Waists, just opened up, revealing the new styles for spring and summer wear. About twenty different designs to choose from, and all are particularly good values, including many that would sell in the regular way as high as $2.50. Our buyer, east, bought these Waists at a good price advantage, and as our usual custom, we place them on sale at a remarkably low price for quick selling Friday. There are high and low neck styles, some with embroidered fronts, and others of allover embroidery. Very dainty designs and many are trimmed with Valenciennes lace insertions. Long and three-quarter set-in sleeves. See View street window for samples. On sale Friday, each **$1.00**

—First Floor

Continuing the Great Sale of French Hand-Made Whitewear at Prices Half and Less

That women who delight to wear dainty undergarments appreciated this sale was fully demonstrated yesterday by the continual stream of customers that kept coming from opening to closing time. To-day we continued the sale, and will do so until every garment is sold.

Women never had a better opportunity to buy real hand-made French Underwear at such low prices. Every garment is being offered at half-price, and in some cases less than half. The lot includes:

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Drawers, regular prices from $1.50 to $4.50. Clearing at 75c to **$2.00**

Combinations, regular prices from $3.75 to $7.00. Clearing at $1.75 to **$3.50**

Princess Slips and Skirts, regular prices $7.50 to $20.00. Clearing at $3.25 to **$9.50**

Nightgowns, regular prices from $2.50 to $35. Clearing at $1.25 to **$17.50**

—First Floor

Four Special Offerings in Ladies' Underskirts—$1, $1.90, $2.90 and $3.90

Regular values in this assortment up to $6.75, and you can choose from all the leading shades in good quality satins, moire and silks. Good styles, finished in a variety of ways with pleated flounces.

—First Floor

Hand-Made Wash Boilers at Special Prices for Friday

These are strongly made with tin bodies and heavy copper bottoms, fitted with safety lug handles.

Size No. 7. Special at **$1.50**
Size No. 8. Special at **$1.75**
Size No. 9. Special at **$2.00**

—Second Floor

Marabout and Ostrich Feather Stoles and Necklets Clearing at $2.50, $4.50 and $7.50

These are particularly suitable for early Spring wear, and at the above prices are bargains worth while. You have your choice from black and white, also from colors. Muffs in all shades to match, clearing at the same prices.

—First Floor

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—Second Floor

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—First Floor

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Reg. 85c Grade, Friday, 50c

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—Second Floor

Serviceable Cloth and Silk Skirts, Clearing at $5.90 and $8.50

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—Main Floor

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Regimental Smoker.—A regimental smoker will be held in the Eagles' hall (over Dixi H. Ross) on Monday, February 22, at 8 o'clock.

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Vancouver Liquor Dealers.—To make the law uniform as to the persons who may be given licenses for the sale of liquor in the city of Vancouver, the private bills committee yesterday put in a section in that city's bill restricting the granting of licenses to those of the Caucasian race, and adding the disqualification that exists in the Liquor License act against those who have, within three years, been convicted of a criminal offence or have had a license held by them cancelled.

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Unemployed in Vancouver. — Sir Richard McBride on Tuesday afternoon told a deputation from Vancouver, which waited upon him to ask for government action in the matter of providing work for unemployed in that city, that the government and the Vancouver members were giving the matter full consideration, and were confident of being able to arrange shortly for some measure of relief. Prompt action was out of the question owing to the impossibility of financing development work while the money market was in its present state, he explained.

Phoenix Beer, dozen pints, 75c. •

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Bank Clearings. — Bank clearings for the week ending yesterday were $1,439,734.

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Ward IV., Saanich.—At the meeting of the Ward IV., Saanich, Ratepayers' association on Monday, it is intended to discuss the Saanich school board estimates.

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Agriculture Committee. — Yesterday morning members of the legislature's committee on agriculture had another sitting in the course of which several of the points dealt with in the royal commission's report were discussed informally.

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British Campaigners.—The monthly meeting of the British Campaigners' association will be held this evening at the Foresters' hall. The proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock. It is expected that the new president, Sir Clive Phillipps-Wolley will make his first appearance in office, and is expected to give an address.

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Must Make Change.—In announcing the resignation of F. V. P. Cowley, P. L. S., from the city surveyor's department, City Engineer Rust said this morning that it might be necessary to have a P. L. S. in the department, but if not, some one would be retained who otherwise would be dispensed with in the reduction of staff.

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Model at Exhibition.—Dr. Plaskett, of the astronomical service, Ottawa, has written to the president of the Victoria branch of the Natural History society to say that the Warner Steel company, a firm that is preparing the frame and mechanism for the telescope to be mounted on Little Saanich mountain, is sending an aluminium model of the structure to be shown at the Panama-Pacific exposition. This model is to be one-tenth the size of the one which is coming here.

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Fish for Market.—Those who are making use of the public market, either as producers or consumers, will be interested to know that through the passing of a by-law recently the city has made it legal to sell fish there. This offers quite an opportunity to local fishermen to develop a profitable industry, as fish are plentiful in the waters round the southern part of the island the greater part of the year. Patrons should remember that the market day will be held as usual on Friday.

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Rehearsed Oratorio.—Good progress was made at the rehearsal of Handel's oratorio, "Samson," which took place at the First Presbyterian church schoolroom on Tuesday evening. The chorus now numbers 125, although the total enrolment when the choir is complete will be in the neighborhood of 160. Rehearsals will be held weekly until the performance of the oratorio immediately after the dedication service in connection with the new church which is to be early in May.

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Belgium Relief Fund.—W. S. Terry, Belgian consul, has received a cheque for $9.50 from the secretary of the Colwood Women's institute, this sum having been raised by the raffle of a cushion. The Belgium relief committee here are considering the advisability of bringing out another edition of "The Tale of a Belgian Hare" (which sold so well before Christmas) for Easter. There is little doubt that this popular nursery story would find many purchasers, as the booklet is interesting in incident and local color, and excellently illustrated.

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Message to Constituents.—Captain W. W. Foster, of the Canadian Mounted Rifles, and M. P. P. for the islands, has mailed a short letter to all his constituents in anticipation of his expected departure with his regiment for the seat of war. In it he thanks the electors for returning him, assures them of his appreciation of their confidence, and promises that should a general election take place during his absence, and should they re-elect him without opposition, he will, on getting back, resign and seek their suffrages again at a bye-election, in order that the constituents may have an opportunity of expressing their opinions on questions of the day.

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TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, February 18, 1890.

The House of Assembly caught fire this afternoon above the stove pipe through the ceiling, and caused both excitement and temporary adjournment. A serious fire occurred to-day at Hastie and Lockart's furniture store. The loss will probably be several thousand dollars.

A new departure in the Warren-Boscowitz case was commenced in the supreme court yesterday. This was in the form of an action brought by the creditors of J. D. Warren against Mr. Boscowitz to recover certain sums of money in the possession of the latter, and claimed to belong to the former. The amount involved is said to be nearly $150,000. The case is being tried before the chief justice and a special jury. Mr. Taylor appeared for the plaintiff. Mr. Theo. Davie for the defendant.

Harry Griffiths trapped an enormous beaver in the Colquitz stream on Saturday. The beaver was an old one, and tipped the scales at 52 pounds.

Anglican Association.—The regular monthly meeting of the Anglican Sunday School association will take place on Thursday, February 25, at the cathedral schoolroom.

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Initiated Into Elks.—Quite a few applicants will be initiated into the mysteries of Elkdom at the clubrooms in the Campbell block to-night. An address will be delivered by the Rev. Mr. Speight, and a full attendance of the members is looked for.

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Cornish Evangelist.—Rev. Mr. Sampson, the Cornish evangelist, will speak to-night at the Tabernacle Baptist church, and will give an account of the wonderful work of grace that was witnessed by him in the evangelistic tour which he made in the West Indies.

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Among the Breakers.—The Western Star Amateur Dramatic society will present the comedy-drama "Among the Breakers" in Semple's hall, on Friday evening next. This promises to be highly amusing and entertaining. The proceeds are in aid of the W. C. T. U. mission.

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Oaklands Methodist Church.—Dr. White, superintendent of Methodist missions for the province of British Columbia, will give an illustrated lecture entitled "Summer in the Yukon" to-morrow evening at Oaklands Methodist church, commencing at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to be present.

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Fancy Dress Dance.—All arrangements have been completed for the 1915 Club fancy dress dance to-morrow evening at the Connaught hall, View street. A buffet supper will be served from 10.30 to 12.30, and a five-piece orchestra under the leadership of Miss Thain will be in attendance. Dancing from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m.

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Brotherhood to Meet.—On Sunday next the usual meeting of the Metropolitan Church Brotherhood will be held in the auditorium of the church at 2.45, when an address will be delivered by M. B. Cotsworth, F. R. G. S. of New Westminster, entitled "The Churches and the Land Question." Ald. G. Bell will preside. A discussion will follow and a very cordial invitation is extended to all men in the city.

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Raffles for Belgians.—A number of tickets still remain for several of the articles to be raffled in aid of the Belgium Relief fund. The articles and prices of the tickets are as follows: Rustic seat, 25 cents; hand-made shawl, 10c; painting by Mary Riter Hamilton, $1.00; hand-painted centrepiece, 10c; pillow-tops, 10c; quilt of flags, 25c; painting (given by Mrs. Croft), 50c; war poems, 25 cents each.

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Inspection of Line.—The Pacific Great Eastern railway has chartered the C. P. R. steamer Princess Mary for the occasion of the inspection trip to be made of the line as far as Lillooet by the provincial government and members of the legislature. The Mary will sail for Squamish direct at midnight to-morrow. Saturday night will be spent at Lillooet. On Sunday evening the party will be back at Vancouver, and the capital will be reached again on Monday morning.

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Experiences in France.—Lieutenant Clearihue, of the 5th Regiment, who was in Paris at the time of the declaration of war, gave a very interesting lecture last evening in the lecture hall of St. Saviour's church, in which he recounted some of his observations and experiences in France. The lecture was largely attended, the young people of the church being especially interested in the discourse. In addition to the interesting feature a musical programme was furnished by Sergt. Roberts, Corpl. Palmer and Gunners Scrider and Ouimet, of the 5th regiment.

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Valentine Social.—A very successful and enjoyable Valentine social was held at St. Columba church on Monday evening, a number of very pleasing recitation and musical selections being given. Mr. Davis and Mrs. Thomas Lawson furnished the recitations, and the vocal numbers were given by Miss Parsons, Miss Bird and Mrs. McClung. Quite a large part of the evening was devoted to a guessing game, the prize-winners in which were those who gave the most accurate names of streets suggested in an anagram composed for the occasion. At the close of the evening delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the church. The chairman was Mr. Murdoch.

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Jitney Association Meeting.—The by-laws committee of the Victoria Jitney association, composed of Henry F. Pullen, P. J. Burnett, A. E. Jones, William Reid, F. B. Van Decar, W. Mallen and George I. Warren have completed their report and will submit a proposed constitution and by-laws to the association at a specially called meeting to be held in the Vancouver Island Athletic association clubrooms in the Strathcona hotel, to-morrow at 10 a. m. Matters of extreme importance to all jitney owners and drivers will be discussed, and permanent organization will be effected. The committee will recommend that stringent rules be adopted by the association regarding the safety and convenience of the public in Victoria, especially regarding the over-crowding of automobiles by members.

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WANT TRAINING SCHOOL SAYS JUSTICE AUDETTE

Young Men Should Look Ahead and Learn Profession While Young

During the continuation of the hearing of claims before the sealing commission sitting this morning in the court house, Mr. Justice Audette made reference to the fact that there is no training school in British Columbia for the teaching of trades and professions to young men. His remarks were made when an able-bodied seaman was relating his sealing experiences, and stating his earnings in the sealing business which he had followed for some years.

His lordship remarked that it is a poor look-out for young men if they spend their earlier life in going from one job to another. The need for the lack of learning a trade was emphasized by his lordship. He said young men who went from one job to another were giving the best of their time to no purpose, and would be more advantageously employed if they were spending some of their time in learning something from which they could make advancement.

He said something in the nature of a training school where boys and young men could be taught trades in the province is needed. Otherwise it would be a poor look-out for young men. He advised the witness to look ahead to the future, and prepare himself in some trade where he might be employed in a permanent capacity.

Testimony was taken from J. McLeod who gave his sealing experiences from 1888 onward. He had moved about from place to place continually, and he found difficulty in remembering just where his locations were at times. When sealing gave out he became a steamboat man, but was only able to secure the jobs that no one else wanted. He at present is idle, and said he would gladly join a sealing cruise if he were able. He was unable to remember working eight or ten months at a time at the most in all the years he had been at the business, and if he secured a straight six months' employment he considered there was something wrong.

J. Bohrn, a naturalized British subject, gave evidence yesterday, but was unable to give figures because his partner was not available. He had been part owner of a sealer, the schooner Otto. He considered 2,000 skins a good catch, but had never brought that number in in his schooner. He said that it cost $12,000 to send the vessel out, and he thought that there had been money lost in the transaction.

Carl Hansen, who about two years ago made a claim against a sealer for damages and lost because he had no written proof of the evidence he submitted to the court, was being heard in regard to the sealing life and his experiences when the court rose at lunch time.

Municipal Committee.—The municipal committee of the legislature had a meeting this morning and took up some of the proposed amendments to the Municipal act contained in the bill brought down by the attorney-general yesterday.

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TO SEEK REPRESENTATION

Committee to Confer on Working Model of Victoria Harbor for San Francisco Exposition.

To secure representation at the Panama Pacific exposition of Victoria in some direct way, a special committee of the city council together with Commissioner Cuthbert, is meeting this afternoon to talk over the situation.

The proposal which will most probably find favor is for a working model of the harbor, for it is to the harbor facilities that the attention of thousands of tourists to San Francisco will be most closely drawn. The details have to be worked out most carefully, so that the design to be in keeping with the excellence of the situation at this port. Other cities of the North Pacific have made a speciality of their harbor works, many of which were inaugurated directly because of the opening of the canal, in their exhibit at the great fair.

It is proposed to make the display in conjunction with the provincial exhibit, some features of which are selected from Vancouver island. The amount of space to be secured is of course problematical at present, but the committee is confident that something of this kind would be one of the best advertising mediums possible, particularly if the chief buildings facing on the inner harbor, and the outer harbor works are depicted. It is, of course, not intended that the exhibit shall be a large one, but shall be in keeping with the comprehensive character of the exposition.

Game Warden's Report.—That it would be well to make the open season for deer the same on the mainland and the island is suggested by A. Bryan Williams, provincial game warden, in his annual report. Hunters on Vancouver island cannot kill deer until October 1, while on the mainland, which in places is but a stone's throw away, hunting begins on September 1. There are plenty of deer this year, the warden says, and no harm could be done by a trial of the earlier date for the island. Incomplete returns of the game killed last season are: Deer, 1,233; moose, 90; mountain sheep, 15; mountain goats, 252; bear, 721; caribou, 91. The revenue up to January 31 was $92,034.20 and there was collected in fines $4,625.50.

FOUR CENTURIES MADE.

Good Shooting by the Civilian Miniature Rifle Clubmen; High Average Kept Up.

At the Wednesday shoot of the above club four centuries were made, the A class spoon being tied for by H. A. Gourlay and A. F. Chafe. The B class spoon went to H. A. T. Jones with a score of 99. In the shoot-off in A class H. A. Gourlay ran out winner with a possible.

The scores were as follows:

H. A. Gourlay	100
E. F. Chafe	100
H. J. Wicks	100
A. Symonds	100
M. Lohbrunner	99
E. J. Gollop	99
H. A. T. Jones	99
W. J. Tanner	99
W. D. Brayshaw	99
Capt. Exham	98
W. R. Menzies	98
R. S. Greig	98
A. E. Ashe	98
R. J. Beatty	98
H. Burton	97
F. Harding	97
E. Hall	96
W. A. R. Hadley	95
L. W. Proctor	93
W. Taylor	92
C. E. Mitchell	92
V. J. Bond	91
E. W. Ismay	91
G. H. Feddon	91
J. V. Scrivener	91
E. H. List	90

The second shoot in the Canadian Rifle league will be on Saturday and all members are especially requested to attend.

C. P. R. SELECTION.

The following will represent the C. P. R. team for their game with the Thistles at Central park commencing at 2.45 sharp: Goal, Craig; backs, Davidson and Castle; halves, Gould, Dakers and Holt; forwards, Peacock, Steele, Cummins, Stafford and J. Cummins. Reserves—Carroll and Malbon.

Langford Women's Institute.—The Langford Women's institute met on Tuesday afternoon in the new assembly room, Langford, and listened to a very interesting address by Miss Kathleen Cook, whose topic was "Painting." A very successful fancy-dress dance was held in the evening, the hall being gaily decorated for the occasion, and many dancers in costume being present.

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WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

ORIGIN OF GREEK ART

Paper on Discoveries in Crete, Greece, and Italy Read at Arts Club.

At the last meeting of the Island Arts and Crafts club an interesting paper was read by G. G. Irvine, whose topic, "The Origin of Greek Art," was dealt with in a scholarly manner. Dr. Hasell, president of the club, presided.

Commencing with a description of the discoveries made in Micenae, Tiryns and particularly with the later discoveries of Sir Arthur Evans at Crete, the lecturer also called attention to the evidences of the existence very early in history of great sea-power. The history of Greek art was traced through its various phases in the Greek colonies in Sicily and Italy and in Asia Minor up to its culmination in Athens. A description of the most important works was included in this review.

A particularly interesting point was brought to the attention of the audience when the lecturer read extracts from an address by Xerxes showing a curious parallel between the events and nature of that ruler with the German emperor at the present time. It was also shown that in the excavations made by Sir Arthur Evans in Crete, a palace was unearthed which revealed the existence of a completely modern and up-to-date sanitary system which has not been surpassed in any age up to two hundred years ago. The same excavations discovered the existence of five-flight staircases which dated back at least to 1500 B. C., of which further examples are lacking until late mediaeval times. The connection between this early civilization and the Greek myths and Homeric epics was traced, and, in conclusion, a new light thrown on the origins of European civilization.

A very cordial vote of thanks to the speaker was passed at the close of the evening on motion of Dr. Hasell, seconded by J. J. Shallcross.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

All personal items sent by mail for publication must be signed with the name and address of the sender.

Capt. C. Smith, of Vancouver, is at the Dominion hotel.

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W. B. Parker, of Seattle, is staying at the Empress hotel.

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Joseph Walker, of Merritt, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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George Goss is at the King Edward hotel from Vancouver.

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John Bellamy, of Moose Jaw, is staying at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hooper, of Vancouver, are at the Dominion hotel.

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Lieut. A. Rowan, of Vancouver, is a guest of the Dominion hotel.

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Charles M. Curtis, of Seattle, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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A. C. Sutten, of Vancouver, is a guest at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mrs. Haddon is registered at the Strathcona hotel from Saanich.

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C. E. Dunlop, of Vancouver, is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

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Charles Thulin, of Campbell River, is a guest at the Empress hotel.

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R. W. Shaw, of Millarville, Alberta, is registered at the Empress hotel.

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V. C. Young, of Vancouver, came over from the mainland yesterday.

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C. H. Kennedy, of Vancouver, is staying at the King Edward hotel.

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T. R. Longstaff, of Vancouver, is registered at the King Edward hotel.

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Capt. A. Gow, of Seattle, registered at the Empress hotel this morning.

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A. Johnson is in the city from Seattle. He is a guest at the King Edward hotel.

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G. Herbert Stepney, of Cowichan Station, is among the guests at the Strathcona hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Forster, of Vancouver, registered at the Empress hotel yesterday.

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Frank W. Harris and R. Greup, of New York, registered at the Dominion hotel yesterday.

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A. E. McIntosh, of Nanoose Bay, has arrived in the city and is registered at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Armstrong, of Vancouver, arrived at the Empress hotel this morning.

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Seattle arrivals at the Empress hotel yesterday included C. E. Manchester and S. B. Johnson.

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A. H. Farley, of Calgary, arrived in the city yesterday and is registered at the Empress hotel.

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T. F. Geiger, of Riverside Inn, Cowichan, is among those registered at the King Edward hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Wishart, of Calgary, have arrived in the city and are registered at the Empress hotel.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. Molyneaux arrived in the city yesterday from Saanich and registered at the Strathcona hotel.

AT THE THEATRES

ROYAL VICTORIA PICTURES.

The third instalment of the serial story of "The Master Key" will be shown for the last time this evening at the Royal Victoria theatre. This picture will run for fifteen weeks at the above theatre, and to the picture fans who are fond of a serial story, it is a treat they should not miss. The story deals with a fight for a mine in the west, and is an exciting story of love and adventure. In addition to the above film, there will be shown two good comedies and a comedy-drama, making in all a programme that is well worthy of a visit.

"MRS. WIGGS" IS POPULAR.

"Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch" at the Princess theatre is proving as popular as ever. There is a "something" about old plays of this kind, like many of the old songs, that makes them live for all time. There is something so wonderfully human about "Mrs. Wiggs" that appeals to everyone, for the story is clearly defined and easy to follow. Intending patrons are urged to book their seats at once for any performance this week. The advance sale for Saturday's matinee and Saturday night is exceptionally large. Next week the attraction is to be a very fine comedy drama entitled "Fine Feathers." This play has not yet been seen in stock in this city, but was played about two years ago by an all-star caste at the old Victoria theatre. The advance sale is now on for this play as well as for "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch."

CLEVER TRIO AT PANTAGES.

The trampoline act by the Cort-Thomas trio, which opens the show at Pantages this week is undoubtedly the cleverest and best act of its kind ever seen here. The trio perform miracles of agility from their huge "springboard," and at every performance this week have received orations from the audience.

The six-act show, together with the exhibition by 16 soldiers of the 50th regiment, is unquestionably one of the fullest ever presented at Pantages. The soldiers give an excellent display, full of snap and vim and fully earn the hearty applause they receive at every performance. Their smartness with their arms, and in the difficult feat of wall scaling, are worth going many miles to see.

There are other big features of the show which should not be missed. "The Unwritten Law" is a frank playlet dealing with the punishment dealt out by a husband to his wife's lover. Comedy is represented strongly in the turn by Allen's Cheyenne minstrels, and by Bob Knapp and Chris Cornalla in their potpourri of vaudeville. Dainty dancing by Gillmore and Raminoff and songs by Leona Guerney completes a very attractive programme.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 18.—5 a.m.—The barometer is rising over the Pacific slope, and fair, colder weather is becoming general, while on the coast light to moderate winds prevail. Zero temperatures prevail in the Atlin district, the same conditions are becoming general in the prairie provinces.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.

Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder.

Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair and colder.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 46; minimum, 27; wind, 8 miles W.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Vancouver—Barometer, 30.04; temperature, maximum yesterday, 44; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, clear.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.00; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 30; wind, 4 miles W.; weather, clear.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.94; temperature, maximum yesterday, 24; minimum, 4; wind, calm; snow, .20; weather, clear.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.88; temperature, maximum yesterday, 36; minimum, 32; wind, 6 miles E.; weather, cloudy.

Seattle—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 36; wind, 4 miles N. E.; rain, .04; weather, clear.

Temperature.

	Max.	Min.
Penticton	41	..
Nelson	37	..
Calgary	42	16
Edmonton	12	—12
Qu'Appelle	38	14
Winnipeg	38	24
Toronto	32	..
Ottawa	22	..
Montreal	26	..
St. John	38	..
Halifax	38	..

Victoria Daily Weather.

Observations taken 5 a. m., noon and 5 p. m., Wednesday:

Temperature.

Highest	45.8
Lowest	38.6
Average	41.9
Minimum on grass	37.8

Rain, .05 inch.
Bright sunshine, 20 minutes.
General state of weather, cloudy.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

Victoria Observatory,

From 10th to 16th February, 1915.

Victoria—Total amount of bright sunshine, 15 hours and 6 minutes; rain, .19 inch; highest temperature, 50 on 10th; lowest, 35 on 13th.

Vancouver—Total amount of bright sunshine, 7 hours and 36 minutes; rain, .73 inch; highest temperature, 48 on 16th; lowest, 33 on 13th.

Nanaimo—Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours; rain, .29 inch; highest temperature, 47 on 11th; lowest, 34 on 14th.

New Westminster—Rain, .78 inch; highest temperature, 45 on 16th; lowest, 31 on 14th.

Kamloops—Total amount of bright sunshine, 13 hours and 36 minutes; highest temperature, 42 on 16th; lowest, 24 on 14th.

Penticton—Precipitation, .01 inch; highest temperature, 42 on 13th and 15th; lowest, 20 on 14th.

Nelson—Highest temperature, 41 on 10th and 11th; lowest, 12 on 14th.

Barkerville—Snow, 6.20 inches; highest temperature, 36 on 16th; lowest, 10 on 13th and 14th.

Prince Rupert—Rain, 4.50 inches; highest temperature, 46 on 10th; lowest, 30 on 13th.

Atlin—Snow, 8.40 inches; highest temperature, 32 on 10th; lowest, 6 below on 12th.

Dawson—Snow, .60 inch; highest temperature, 8 on 11th; lowest, 30 below on 15th.

SOLDIERS APPRECIATE GIFTS FROM VICTORIA

Interesting Letters From the Trenches Received by Lady Clerks at Local Store

Several of the lady clerks in the store of Angus Campbell & Co., Ltd., have received very appreciative letters from British soldiers at the front who have received comforts in the way of socks, wool helmets and belts from here. The letters all breathe a bright and cheerful spirit. The following extract is an example:

"We are having rather a rough time of it, but then what can one expect in such times, but if we are suffering I am sure our friends at home and abroad are suffering just the same as we are; of course only in a different way. However, I can assure you that "Tommy" feels grateful to all our friends, who so kindly think of us now and who are always sending little comforts to us.

"Our life in the trenches is not all milk and honey but the 'boys' make the best of everything no matter what the trouble is, but simply keep on going singing and joking while shot and shells go flying by, but they take no notice of them and so we plod on."

Another soldier, writing from "Somewhere on the continent," says:

"Just a couple of lines to thank you for your gift which I received yesterday (29th). You can hardly realize how the 'Tommies' here appreciate gifts from their countrymen and countrywomen across the seas. It seems to put more vim into them to know someone is thinking of them while they are in the trenches. We are now doing three days in the trenches and three out, on account of the cold weather. We gave the Germans a birthday present for the kaiser on the 27th, plenty of rifle and shell fire with a couple of charges. I am myself a bomb-thrower. You creep up to the German lines, light your bomb, and throw it into their trench. These are very destructive things, killing as many as thirty and forty at a time. Cannot tell you much more as the 'censor' does not allow it. I will now close, thanking you once again and wishing you the best of health and luck and all prosperity to A. Campbell & Co."

CONSECRATION TO BE IMPRESSIVE SERVICE

Very Rev. A. J. Doull to Be Consecrated Bishop Next Wednesday

Next Wednesday morning the consecration of the Very Reverend Alexander John Doull, D. D., as Bishop of Kootenay, will take place at Christ Church cathedral. The services in connection with the ceremony will commence at 10.30 a. m.

The Dean of Columbia, bishop-elect of Kootenay, has been rector of Christ Church cathedral since 1910. Born in Halifax, he was educated at Merchiston, Edinburgh, and Oxford university. He was ordained deacon by the Bishop of Ripon in 1896, and priest in 1898. He was curate of the parish church of Leeds from 1896 to 1899, and curate of the Church of the Advent, Montreal, from the latter year until 1901. In 1909 he was appointed rector of the Church of the Advent, Montreal, remaining there until appointed to his present office in 1910. In the intervening years he has won a firm place in the affections of hundreds of people in Victoria and other parts of the diocese of Columbia, and the news of his election as bishop of the new diocese of Kootenay last autumn was received here with mingled feelings of regret at his pending departure and pleasure at the honor conferred on him.

The ceremony will be impressive. The celebrant at the celebration of holy communion and the consecrating bishop will be the Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who will be assisted by the Bishops of Calgary, Caledonia, New Westminster, British Columbia and Olympia. The sermon will be preached by Rev. Canon Plumptre, rector of St. James' cathedral, Toronto, and the bishop-elect will be presented for consecration by the Bishops of Caledonia and Columbia.

Clergy and laity from all parts of the diocese of British Columbia will be present, and among the clergy from the Kootenay diocese will be Rev. F. H. Graham, rector of Nelson; Archdeacon Beer, archdeacon of the Kootenay; Rev. W. H. Bridge, vicar of Nakusp; Rev. R. Grice, vicar of Sarento; Rev. T. Green, rector of Kelowna; Rev. E. A. Flewelyn, rector of Cranbrook, and other clergy from the same diocese, as well as from the diocese of New Westminster.

There will be two early celebrations of holy communion at the cathedral on the morning of the consecration, at 7 and 8 a. m. respectively. At each all those who desire are asked to make communion. Those who wish to communicate at the consecration service are asked to send in their names to the dean not later than Tuesday, February 23. Those attending the consecration are earnestly requested to remain until the service is ended and the bishops, clergy and choir have left the church.

The special anthem arranged for the day will be Gounod's "Send Out Thy Light."

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SPORTING NEWS

BAYLEY CAPTURES LIGHTWEIGHT TITLE

BURNS STILL CLAIMS CHAMPIONSHIP

Victoria Boy Regains Honors in Convincing Style; Complete Comeback a Big Surprise

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—Because Joe Bayley did not weigh in according to the articles of agreement at the Central club last evening three hours before they entered the ring at Fraser Mills, Charlie Burns disputes Bayley's claim to the Canadian lightweight championship. The boxers were supposed to weigh in at 6.15 o'clock at 133 pounds, but Burns was the only one present at that time and he only weighed 131½ pounds. Bayley did not get on the scales, and in fact was not even present. He stated later that he arrived an hour afterward, and was prepared to weigh then, but according to the articles of agreement he lost the forfeit of $50 which he had posted with the sporting editor of the Province to make the required weight.

As Bayley did not make the weight prescribed, Burns insists that he is not entitled to the lightweight title, and there are many fans who will agree with him from a technical standpoint. Charlie wants a return battle at the lightweight limit and insists that he will make a better showing.

Bayley's Winning Fight.

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—One of the few champions of ring history who came back, Joe Bayley, of Victoria, who twenty months ago lost the Canadian lightweight championship to Frenchy Vaise, regained his former title in a twenty-round battle with "Roughhouse" Charlie Burns at Fraser Mills last evening, outboxing and outpunching the champion in almost every round of the contest. Burns fought in a disappointing fashion, showing little of the rough stuff his followers had been led to look for, while Bayley surprised everybody by the clever tactics he displayed. In the referee's judgment Bayley did not lose a single round and only five rounds were even.

At long range Bayley was supreme. He jabbed and hooked Burns with his left so often that the "roughhouse" person must have fancied there were several Bayleys in front of him, while at close range he was so strong that Burns was as a child in his arms. In one round, the twelfth, Bayley jabbed Burns just 39 times, one blow after the other, and Charlie seemingly could not get out of the way. True, the blows did not have a great deal of steam about them, but occasionally Joe would whip in a hook or a right cross that had a world of sting behind them and the marvel of it all was that Burns stood up under the punishment he received. He proved a regular glutton in this respect, taking everything that Bayley had to offer and still coming back for more at the end, but his offensive work was not to be compared with that of the new titleholder.

Charlie did his best work in the clinches when he fought viciously for Bayley's body, but Joe used his head when they got in close and Burns was not able to accomplish much damage in this respect. When they worked in close Bayley would tie up one of Burns' hands and blocking with the other would manoeuvre round till he got into position and then he would cut loose himself and almost always forced Burns to hang on to avoid the heavy blows that came his way.

Bayley Was Clever.

Bayley boxed so cleverly that his friends were both pleased and surprised. And a great portion of the glory belonged to George Paris, his chief second, who handled him skilfully all through. Usually Joe does not listen to anybody in his corner, but Paris made Bayley box as well as fight. Joe used his left in great style at long range and came out of his corner every round with a rush that carried his left straight into Burns' face. Sometimes Bayley forgot and was willing to mix with Burns at close range and that was when Burns showed best, but the Victoria boy would quickly steady down again and resume his business of piling up the points.

Both boxers showed marks of the encounter. Bayley had a cut opened up over his left eye, but this came from Burns' head and not from a blow. Joe's nose bled continually, but it did not weaken him any and he was much stronger at the finish. Burns bled at the mouth but this did not inconvenience him any. Otherwise Charlie did not show much evidence of having engaged in a lengthy battle.

The first round was one of the few even rounds of the bout. The boxers did a lot of wrestling and little boxing and messed each other about the ring without accomplishing anything. In the second round Bayley got his left working and had a slight margin on the round which he increased to a big one in the next, when the boxers did a lot of open milling. Bayley had the better of the fourth round, which was marred by a lot of holding. The fifth was even. Burns opened up and did a lot of forcing but Bayley's defensive work was good and Charlie did not make much of an impression on him.

Bayley outboxed Charlie in the sixth round but Burns landed the harder blows and brought the blood from Bayley's nose and on general results it was an even round. Charlie was still the aggressor in the next but Bayley kept away from him and did the better work and had the round. Bayley improved in the eighth and in the ninth and tenth had a big margin on the round. Charlie rallied in the eleventh but the twelfth was Bayley's so far that some of the spectators wondered how Burns was sticking it out. Charlie rallied in the next but it was still Bayley's round easily.

Burns rallied in the fourteenth and in some fierce mixing held his own, Bayley being content to stay away most of the time. In the fifteenth Bayley had the better of it but Burns came back in the sixteenth and again held his own, though the round was marred by much holding. Bayley had the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth and when Burns tried to make a finish in the last round Bayley outfought him.

The decision of Referee Jimmy Hewitt was very popular. It was a peculiar coincidence that Bayley lost his title under Referee Jimmy Hewitt to Vaise, at the Brighouse Arena on July 1 two years ago and he regained it again last night, under the same official.

REGAINS HIS CROWN

JOE BAYLEY

Victoria boy who is again champion of the Canadian lightweights. Bayley easily outpointed Rough House Burns last night at Fraser mills, and Referee J. T. Hewitt had no other course than to give the local lightweight the championship. Prize fighters who lose their crown rarely ever regain their title, and Bayley's game fight for his lost honors is one of the most remarkable in Canadian sport.

OTTO NYE LIKELY TO PROVE SURPRISE

Victoria Manager Writes That Youngster is Real Ballplayer; Vancouver Signs Pappa

That Otto Nye will crowd both Menges and Lamb off the "hot corner" is the information sent out by Manager Marty. The latter comes out strong with a heavy boost for his brother, and says that he will be a sensation in this league. Victoria can stand another real hitter in the infield, though Kelly and Butler should slam the pill around the .300 mark; but if Brother Otto kicks through with a good healthy average, the locals will be up there fighting for the gonfalon all the way.

Menges is a natural .300 hitter, so that Marty's kid relative will have to uncover a classy bunch of wares to keep the Oakland rookie out of the lineup. It will be something new for Victorians to glimpse a gang of real hitters holding down the infield berths, but it should bring big results.

The signed contract of Bill Pappa, the good-hitting outfielder of the Spokane team of two seasons back who was drafted by the Pittsburg National league team, was received yesterday afternoon by President Bob Brown, of the Vancouver Baseball club. Pappa did not stick in the major league because if inexperience and was sent to the Western league for seasoning. While there he broke his ankle and was out of the game practically all the year. He was declared a free agent and when President Brown located him in winter quarters down in California he lost no time in going after him. Pappa is playing in the winter league, so his ankle apparently is all right again. With Pappa in line and Dode Brinker signed, President Brown only requires the contract of Mike Wotell to round out his outfield.

Aberdeen, Wash., Feb. 18.—"Three high class pitchers were signed by me while in St. Louis, and I now have a staff which will be able to keep the batting averages of other clubs pretty low."

This is the statement made by John Barnes, manager of the Black Cats, in a letter to A. H. Griffin, president of the Aberdeen club. Barnes did not name the new players, but his whole letter seemed to be written in a happy mood, and he apparently feels that he has made a big catch.

EASTERN HOCKEY

N. H. A. Scores.

At Toronto—Ottawa, 3; Toronto, 1.
At Montreal—Wanderers, 10; Shamrocks, 7.
At Quebec—Quebec, 6; Canadiens, 2.

Standing.

	Won.	Lost.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.
Ottawa	12	4	64	52
Wanderers	10	5	105	68
Quebec	9	7	67	64
Toronto	7	9	49	66
Shamrocks	5	10	59	80
Canadiens	4	12	51	68

Next Games, Saturday, Feb. 20.
Wanderers at Ottawa.
Toronto at Canadiens.
Quebec at Ontario.

BAKER QUITS GAME.

Philadelphia, Feb. 18.—"Home Run" Baker, star thirdbaseman of the Philadelphia American league baseball team, has decided to retire from the diamond and will not appear with the team next season, according to an announcement made here last night by Manager Connie Mack at a dinner of the Philadelphia Sporting Writer's Association.

TWO CLUBS CLAIM INTERMEDIATE STAR

Thistles Will Have a Hard Time Beating C. P. R. Eleven

Johnny Cummins, the former Empire player, now with the C. P. R. club, has been asked to appear before the B. C. F. A. in order that this body may straighten out a couple of certificates which bear his signature. The C. P. R. club have Cummins playing with them, while the Civic Service also claim his services. The executive body will settle the dispute by having Cummins identify his hand-writing. Pat Carroll, captain of the C. P. R. eleven, was complimented at last night's meeting for his sportsmanship in refusing to accept a goal which was awarded the team, but in Carroll's opinion did not enter the net. Final arrangements for the Vancouver-Victoria series have been completed. The Victoria team play at the Terminal City on March 6, the return match taking place here on April 2.

Thistles and C. P. R. will provide the feature of Saturday's soccer card when these clubs meet at Central park in a Jackson cup fixture. West seniors will play the unbeatable Fifth Regiment eleven at the Canteen grounds, while Jacksons and West "A" team play at Beacon Hill. The Navy-Fairfield match at the Hayward avenue grounds completes the schedule. The cups for the Peden competition, also the Okell trophy, representing the V. F. A. championship, will be presented to the Jacksons on Saturday, while the West intermediates will be presented with the Tait trophy.

Saturday's Schedule.

Wests "A" team vs. Jacksons, Beacon Hill. Referee Allen.

Wests seniors vs. Fifth Regiment, Canteen grounds. Referee McDougall.

Thistles vs. C. P. R., Central park. Referee Dougan.

Navy vs. Fairfields, Haywood avenue. Referee Miller.

Splendid progress is being made at the High school in the weighing and registering of the teams for the Junior Standard Football league. High School and Civil Service have already been checked up, so that only the Victoria Boy Scouts and "Y" team remain.

The following will represent Sir John Jackson A. C. vs. the Wests "A" team in Saturday's match in the Jackson cup competition: Thorburn; Sheriff and Tunnicliffe; Niven (capt.), Blendall, Allan (L); Kerley (F.), Nichol, Green, Douglas and Clarkson. Reserves, Norton and Kerley (A.).

Fifth Regiment team—Hewitt, Donald, Davie, Greene, Harrison, Krueger, Smith, Newbigging, McBrady, Haworth and Kalls. Reserves, Summers and McCaulay.

INTERMEDIATE TEAMS TO PLAY FOR VIRTUE CUP

The rugby final between University school boys and No. 1 company of the Fifth Regiment is the most attractive item on Saturday's sport programme. They meet on the Oak Bay grounds at 2.30 o'clock.

The chances look even on the outcome of this keen struggle, each team having a victory over the other to its credit. At their first meeting University won 3-0, and the second clash was won by the regiment 10 to 6. Both captains state their teams are brimming over with confidence.

Six members of the Fifth Regiment who are at present in Vancouver will be brought over for Saturday's game. University have greater knowledge of the game that the Fifth, but the latter have a decided advantage in size and weight.

After the game John Virtue, donator of the trophy, will present the cup to the winning team. Mr. Hill will referee.

SCHOOL SPORTS.

High School athletes meet the Columbia College teams on Saturday in a series of inter-school sports. In the morning, at 10 o'clock, they will try conclusions at soccer at Oak Bay. From 5 to 6 o'clock, in the afternoon, they will engage in an ice hockey match at the Arena, while from 8 to 10 o'clock first and second teams will play basketball matches at the new High School gymnasium.

TO TOUR HONOLULU.

Berkeley, Cal., Feb. 18.—William Johnston, Pacific Coast tennis champion, and Henry C. Breck, tennis champion of the University of California, sailed recently for Honolulu to play in matches with some of the island's best players.

ACCEPTS TOURNEY DATES.

Chet McIntyre wired over yesterday that he will be able to send a team here on February 26, so that the Vancouver Island club bouts which were to have taken place to-morrow night, will be postponed a week. The programme will have few changes, if any.

VANCOUVER ISLAND DANCE.

Ozards' Orchestra has been secured for the semi-monthly dance at the Vancouver Island A. A. A., which will be held at the club rooms, Strathcona Block, to-night. All the members are requested to bring their friends along.

V. A. A. A. MEETING.

A meeting of the finance committee of the Victoria Amateur Athletic Association, will be held to-night at the club house, Belleville St. The annual gathering of this club will be held next Tuesday night.

Seattle claim to have landed a star in Catcher Barth.

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Victoria will have a pair of beauties in Grindle and Haworth.

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Some of the carnival costumes would have done credit to Bud Fisher.

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As usual, the "Harem" girls held the centre of the stage.

Victoria will have Southpaw Raleigh, formerly with the Venice club, this season.

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This veteran is counted upon as a real hurling star.

COAST CHAMPIONS CHALLENGE FOR CUP

Winners of Savage Cup Will Probably Go After World's Amateur Championship

As announced in yesterday's paper the Mainland Amateur Hockey league has decided to go after the Allen cup and following the challenge sent to the trustees the league at a special meeting decided to affiliate with the Canadian Hockey association and to comply with all conditions in order that the champions may be in a position to play for the Canadian championship.

The B. B. team of Vancouver is leading in the race for the league championship at present, but has to beat Fraser Mills again to establish a clear hold on the championship. The next game between the two clubs is scheduled for February 25 and the B. B. club is endeavoring to have this game played earlier in order that the league honors may be settled in time for them to send a formal challenge by February 20 which is the final date for receiving challenges. League challenges are not recognized by the trustees of the Allen cup, the club concerned having to be named.

BASKETBALL.

The Reformed Episcopals last night put the Mets "B" away to the time 13-9 in one of the fastest and most keenly contested fixtures in the Church league to date. This gives the Reformed Episcopals a grand chance to cop the intermediate church honors.

The line-up was as follows:

Reformed Episcopals—Shandley, Jones, Hay, Stewart and Gordon.

Mets, "B"—Dowell, Jones, Hatch, McKenzie and Wills.

MACKAY STILL LEADS COAST GOAL GETTERS

League Record.

	Won.	Lost.	Goals For.	Goals Agst.
Vancouver	9	4	67	41
Portland	7	6	67	52
Victoria	3	9	43	74

Next match, Friday, Feb. 19.—Victoria at Vancouver.

Individual Scoring Record.

	Games.	Goals.	Assists.	Pts.
Mackay, Van.	13	22	5	27
Taylor, Van.	12	12	12	24
Oatman, Port.	13	18	4	22
McDonald, Port.	13	14	7	21
Throop, Port.	13	12	7	19
Dunderdale, Vic.	12	9	9	18
Kerr, Vic.	11	13	3	16
Mallen, Van.	12	9	6	15
Harris, Port.	13	12	3	15
Nighbor, Van.	13	13	1	14
Patrick, Vic.	12	8	2	10
Cook, Van.	13	5	4	9
Tobin, Port.	13	6	2	8
Johnson, Port.	13	5	2	7
Rowe, Vic.	8	5	1	6
Poulin, Vic.	12	3	2	5
Smaill, Vic.	10	3	1	4
Morris, Vic.	5	2	1	3
Seaborn, Van.	7	2	0	2
Genge, Vic.	12	1	1	2
Griffis, Van.	13	1	1	2
Stanley, Van.	1	1	1	2
Matz, Van.	1	1	0	1
Totals		177	75	252

AMATEUR TWIRLER ENLISTS FOR FRONT

Gerald "Jerry" Travis, one of the most promising young slab artists in this city, who was a member of the Beacon Hill team last season, has volunteered for active service. Travis is a member of the Fifth Regiment and will leave shortly for Vancouver to join the 47th Battalion under Col. Winsby's command.

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Y. M. C. A. WINNERS BY ODD GOAL

FINAL GAME BOOKED NEXT WEEK

Fraser Mills Put Up Splendid Fight in Provincial Amateur Hockey Series; Score 5 to 4

In the finest amateur hockey contest ever witnessed in Victoria, Y. M. C. A. defeated Fraser Mills at the Arena last night in the first of the home-and-home series for the provincial championship, the final score being 5 to 4. The game was replete with brilliant stick-handling, while the combination of the visitors was as good as any team work that has been shown at the Arena this season. It was a fine exhibition of amateur hockey, and considering the difficulties that clubs on the coast work under, they excelled themselves in last night's game. A big crowd viewed the clash, Fraser Mills coming through with a strong finish and all but winning. They had the Y. M. C. A. team on the run towards the close, banging through a brace of tallies in the final minutes of play.

Strenuous hockey was served up all the way, and while there was plenty of hard checking and tripping, there was no deliberate slashing, few penalties being handed out. The visitors showed more finish in their work, but the individual rushes of Archibald and the rest of the local forwards made up in aggressiveness what the Fraser Mills club displayed in team work. Fraser Mills claimed one goal in the second period, and many of the spectators backed up their protest, but the goal umpire refused to allow the score, so the visitors had to be content with only one goal to overcome at Fraser Mills in the second match which will be played at the mainland on February 26.

Victoria started off fast and ran up a lead of three goals before the visitors broke into the summary, Aubrey Archibald starring with individual rushes for the local goals. Sanderson and Box scored for Fraser. Victoria doubled the score just before the end of the second period, Charlie Burnett banging the rubber past Dunbar. In the final session Archibald put the locals further ahead on a nice rush, but this was Victoria's final effort, Box notching a couple of goals before the game ended.

Archibald and Straith were the pick of the Victoria line-up, with McDiarmid playing a steady defensive game. Box and Lett displayed senior calibre for the Fraser Mills club, the former being an especially good goal-getter. Sanderson on the left wing was very aggressive, the whole team showing a bundle of speed. Box had his shoulder knocked out in the second period but refused to retire.

The teams:—

Victoria.		Fraser Mills.
Straith	goal	Dunbar
McKenzie	point	Burnett
McDiarmid	cover	Lett
Archibald	rover	Box
Wakeley	centre	Jefford
Stewart	right wing	Scott
Davidson	left wing	Sanderson
Smith	spare	Jefford
C. Burnett		

Referee: Joe Gorman. Judge of play: Bert Lindsay. Timekeepers: W. H. Wilkerson and E. R. Hill.

Summary:

First period: 1. Victoria, Archibald, 4 mins. 2. Victoria, Archibald, 14 mins.

Second period: 3. Victoria, Archibald, 4 mins. 4. Fraser Mills, Sanderson, 5.10. 5, Fraser Mills, Box, 7.30. 6. Victoria, Burnett, 6.35.

Third period: 7. Victoria, Archibald, 3.03. 8. Fraser Mills, Box, 6.02. 9. Fraser Mills, Box, 5.43.

Penalties: Victoria, 6 mins. Fraser Mills, 6 mins.

The locals can upset the beans by winning from the Terminals to-morrow night at the Mainland city. Lester Patrick will trot out all of his reserves in an effort to check the marauding Terminals, and if determination will stop the Maroon septette, they will go down to defeat when the champions meet them. Manager Patrick intends to give Bernie Morris a thorough tryout, while Bob Genge's work on the wing will be watched with interest.

They tell a funny one about Art Ross when the Ottawas played in Toronto a couple of weeks ago. One fan sitting in the second tier of seats with his girl bawled Art out every time he came close to his side of the ice. On one of these occasions Ross stopped and in a voice that could be heard by several hundred spectators, shouted: "I see you have your protection with you tonight."

Jack Laviolette, of Canadiens, has a mashed thumb and will play with it encased in an aluminum case the rest of the season.

BOSTON SKATER WINS PROVINCIAL HONORS

Vancouver, Feb. 18.—The figure skating championship competition under the auspices of the Connaught Skating Club at the Arena rink attracted quite a number of competitors and some good performances were seen. The Columbia cup, emblematic of the provincial figure skating championship, was won by Beverley Jones, of Boston, Mass. Arthur V. Wood, of Vancouver, was second, and R. G. McLaughlin, also of this city, third. Mr. Wood captured the Rubinstein cup, presented by Louis Rubinstein, of Montreal, for the Connaught club championship. Mr. McLaughlin was second in this event. In the junior waltzing competition Miss K. Watson and R. K. McCarthy were the winners, and Miss Pybus and Allan Mackedie second.

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PEARLS IN MUSSELS

Seattle, Feb. 18.—In mussels that he picked up in a rocky inlet on the west coast of Prince of Wales Island, Alaska, Alexander Cameron, a fisherman on the halibut schooner Malolo, which reached port yesterday morning from the North, found three large pearls of good quality. He will have them examined by an expert to ascertain their exact value. Cameron intends to have the gems set in jewelry.

The Malolo, Capt. W. C. Hurley, brought 20,000 pounds of halibut. Captain Hurley reports that the weather on the Alaska banks is beginning to improve. The last week or two it has been less violent than at the beginning of the month. All the halibut vessels in the North were safe and sound, according to latest reports from the scattered members of the fleet, when the Malolo headed southward.

Along the Waterfront

Shipping News from Day to Day

FIRST OF R. M. FLEET TO BRING PASSENGERS

Glengyle Leaves Yokohama With First-Class Travellers; is on Maiden Trip

Seventy-five saloon passengers are coming across the Pacific on the new Royal Mail liner Glengyle, which cleared from Yokohama on Tuesday morning, according to advices just received here. This is the first occasion on which any of this fleet operating in the trans-Pacific service, have carried passengers. All the big ships which the company plans to use in the trade have a great deal of first-class accommodation, and steerage space for 1,000 travelers.

Two of the new ships, the Cardiganshire and Carnarvonshire, have already called at this port, but the owners did not allow the agents to book passengers on them. The intention was to have these two ships, along with the Carmarthenshire, Brecknockshire, Pembrokeshire, Gleniffen and Glenogle, operate between London and Victoria, but the war has upset all calculations. Most of the ships have been requisitioned by the Admiralty, and the company will not be able to inaugurate the regular passenger service until the struggle in Europe is brought to a close.

Looked For February 28.

The Glengyle is expected to reach this port on February 28. She is a vessel 500 feet in length, 62 in breadth, 37.6 feet in depth and has a gross tonnage of 9,500. The Glengyle is supposed to be a 15-knot ship, and it is likely that she will maintain an average speed of nearly 14 knots an hour during the run across the Pacific, at which clip she will arrive here twelve days out from Yokohama.

The new steamship is bringing in a large cargo of European and Oriental freight, including several hundred tons for Vancouver and overland points. The destination of all the ship's passengers is not known, but it is believed that some of them will disembark at the outer docks.

On her outward trip the Glengyle will load a cargo amounting to about 14,000 tons. It will include much cotton, flour, wheat, lumber, machinery, fish and motor cars. The steamship is to make a call at Vladivostok, and she will discharge a great deal of her cargo there.

MUCH COTTON MOVING

For the last two weeks immense quantities of cotton destined for the Russian empire, where much of it will be used in the manufacture of uniforms and other war equipment, having been pouring into Seattle and Tacoma. The vessels of the Russian Volunteer Fleet, the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, and the Royal Mail Line will carry the cotton to the Orient, most of it going direct to Vladivostok and the remainder being trans-shipped in Japanese ports. Practically all the trans-pacific freighters are loading capacity cargoes for the outward voyage, the cotton movement serving to fill up the space not occupied by the regular trans-pacific freight.

Phoenix Stout, dozen pints 75c.

SHIPS CHARTERED TO TRANSPORT NITRATE

California, Isthmian and Pennsylvania to Carry Cargoes for British Powder

Three United States steamships have been chartered to carry nitrate cargoes from Chile to New York. All three cargoes, it is stated, will eventually reach ports in the British Isles, where nitrates are needed in the manufacture of powder for the land and sea forces of Britain. The vessels will be dispatched to their loading ports at once, and it is understood that they will use the Panama canal in steaming to New York instead of making the passage through the Strait of Magellan.

The steamships chartered are the Isthmian, 3,463 tons, owned by the American-Hawaiian Steamship company, and the California, 4,879 tons, belonging to a coterie of San Francisco shipping men. All three ships are now at the Golden Gate and they will outfit at once for their trips.

Was Formerly Algoa.

The steamship California was formerly the British freighter Algoa, and only recently changed her registry. She is an exceptionally large carrier and holds the record for carrying the largest lumber cargo and also the largest grain cargo from this coast for offshore points. She has been lying idle at the Bay city for some time.

The Isthmian is just finishing extensive repairs at Frisco shipyards. She came to grief on the rocks of Cedros Islands and was damaged very badly.

The Pennsylvania has operated out of San Francisco for some years in the Mexican trade, but business has become very quiet in that service, and her owners decided to place her on the charter market.

MASTER OF CLIPPER SHIPS PASSES AWAY

Capt. Thos. Bebbington Was Pilot Here for Twenty Years; Interesting Career

Another of the hardy seamen who sailed the seven seas when the famous clipper ships controlled all commerce, closed his logbook this morning. Capt. Thomas Bebbington, a former master in the White Star fleet, and a Victoria pilot for many years, passed away at his residence, 41 Simcoe street, and through his death not only the shipping fraternity of Victoria but the community at large, suffers a great loss. The news of his demise came as a shock to many of his friends.

The late captain had a very interesting career, and was able to tell some very exciting and amusing stories of his many trips on the broad oceans. He was born in Liverpool on August 12, 1846, and like many sons of that great shipping port, he displayed a tendency for the sea in his early life. In 1874 he received his master's certificate, and was given command of the barque Inca. For four years he sailed the windjammer, when he transferred to the Comadre. Two years later he sailed from London for Sydney, N. S. W., with Mrs. Bebbington, who remained on the ship until 1885, when the captain decided to give up the sea.

As a sailing ship master Capt. Bebbington was known as a very successful and capable man. He sailed on and commanded some of the most famous British clippers that ever plied the seas, and had some very smart passages to his credit.

Upon arriving at Portland, Ore., in 1885 Captain and Mrs. Bebbington decided to settle in British Columbia, and upon taking his ship home to King's Lynn, Eng., he resigned. They arrived in Victoria in October of 1886, and after studying local conditions for some time he received in 1888 an appointment as pilot for the District of Vancouver and Fraser river. On account of Mrs. Bebbington's preference for Victoria, he secured a transfer to the Victoria and Esquimalt pilotage, and held that position until 1908, when he retired. As a pilot on this coast the late captain had a very admirable record.

The deceased is survived by his wife, one married daughter residing in Victoria, and three brothers, George, of this city; John, of Newcastle, N. S. W.; and William, of Auckland, N. Z.

Arrangements have been made to hold the funeral on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, and half an hour later at the Reformed Episcopal church. The arrangements are in the hands of the B. C. Funeral parlors.

TOOK PRISONERS OF NAVAL FIGHT TO ENGLAND

S. S. CROWN OF GALICIA

This well-known Harrison liner, which is commanded by Capt. Halliday, assisted in carrying the German survivors of the battle of the Falkland Islands to Liverpool. The Galicia reached the Mersey a couple of weeks ago along with the steamship Macedonia, and between them they had about 195 prisoners. One hundred and eighty of this number were from the Gneisenau, one dozen from the Nuernberg, and a few from the Leipzig.

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

Portland, Ore., Feb. 17.—Arrived: Strs. Daisy Putnam, Iowan and Saginaw, from San Francisco. Sailed: Strs. Yucatan and Paraiso, for San Francisco; str. Saginaw, for San Francisco, via St. Helens.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 17.—Sailed: Str. Niagara, for Sydney, at 2 p. m.; str. President, for Tacoma, at 5 a. m.

Tacoma, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Santa Cecilia, from Everett, at 7.30 a. m.; str. President, from Vancouver, B. C. Sailed: Str. Stanley Dollar, for Seattle.

San Francisco, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Admiral Farragut, from Seattle, at 3 p. m.; str. F. S. Loop, from Seattle, via Everett; str. Daisy Gadsby, from the Columbia river. Sailed: Str. Queen, for Seattle, at noon; str. Klamath, for Portland, Ore.; str. Governor, for San Diego, at 9 a. m.; str. Col. E. L. Drake, for Seattle, at 4 p. m.; str. Falcon, towing bktn. Thomas P. Emigh, for Puget Sound.

Everett, Feb. 16.—Sailed: Bktn. Puako, for Sydney, N. S. W., in tow of tug Tyee.

Eagle Harbor, Feb. 17.—Sailed: Str. Grace Dollar, for San Francisco.

Astoria, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Shoshone, from San Francisco, at Knappton; str. Daisy Putnam, from San Francisco, via Coos Bay; str. Iowan, from New York via San Francisco. Sailed: Str. Breakwater, for Coos Bay; schr. W. F. Jewett, for San Pedro.

Seattle, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Stanley Dollar, San Francisco, via South Bend and Tacoma; str. Argyll, Port San Luis; str. Nome City, Tacoma. Sailed: Str. Admiral Dewey, San Francisco; str. Hyades, Honolulu; str. Nome City, San Francisco, via Mukilteo; str. Atlantic, for Bellingham.

Balboa, Feb. 17.—Arrived: Str. Picton, from San Francisco for Falmouth; str. Navajo, from San Francisco for Galveston, and both proceeded. Sailed: Str. Edgar H. Vance, from Seattle for New York.

A husband and wife ran a freak show in a certain provincial town, but unfortunately they quarrelled, and the exhibits were equally divided between them. The wife decided to continue business as an exhibitor at the old address, but the husband went on a tour. After some years' wandering the prodigal returned and a reconciliation took place, as a result of which they became business partners once more. A few mornings afterwards the people of the neighborhood were sent into fits of laughter on reading the following notice in the papers: "By the return of my husband my stock of freaks has been permanently increased."

HOLT LINERS WILL MOVE MUCH LUMBER

Ships in Panama Service to Carry 20,000,000 Feet From Coast to England

Approximately 10,000,000 feet of Pacific Northwest lumber will be carried to England by the first five vessels placed by the Blue Funnel line in its new monthly Liverpool-North Pacific service, via the Panama canal, inaugurated by the freighter Moyune, which arrived in Victoria last Saturday. Each of the ships will load an average of 2,000,000 feet, according to present calculations, the Moyune starting the ball rolling by loading 2,500,000 feet.

Dodwell & Co., agents for the line, report a heavy demand for lumber in the English markets, with the result that the forest product will form one of the big features of the freight movement through the canal from now on.

The lumber will be supplied by different ports, and the Blue Funnel line will make great profits by handling the freight. The rates at present are 125 shillings per thousand to Liverpool, 130 shillings to Glasgow. Owing to the demand for space on the cargo carriers there is a likelihood of the rates taking another jump skyward. The steamship companies would like to secure additional tonnage, but it cannot be obtained.

The outward cargo of the Moyune will include 80,000 cases of canned salmon in addition to the 2,500,000 feet of lumber.

WAR IS WIPING OUT GERMAN ARISTOCRACY

Some Remarkable Facts in Connection With Losses in Prussian Regiments

The corps and regiments of which Germany is proudest, the commands which in Frederick the Great's time made feudal Prussia, and which make reactionary Prussia to-day, are, declares Mr. William Frederic William Wile, the late Berlin correspondent of the Daily Mail, being swept into the abyss. A well-known Berlin journalist is quoted as declaring that "war is 'wiping out' the German aristocracy," while the same journalist declared:

"The tragedy is outwardly most visible at Berlin, where the Herr Lieutenant is the traditional hero of the sentimental pig-tailed 'Backfisch' (flapper). The Bavarian journalist Lachmann, himself a reserve officer, writes: 'So terrifically has our military aristocracy dwindled that after the war we shall have a new democratically officered army, like that of France.'

Effect of the "Tragedy."

"Totalling 60 daily lists of killed and wounded shows that the ten regiments which count as the smartest lost on an average half their officers. In peace time these regiments have a total of 180 lieutenants. Of the lieutenants only 78 survive. The reserve officers taken into these regiments have lost 40 per cent. Four of the regiments have lost their colonels, and two of them have lost two-thirds of their captains. Many officers are only slightly wounded. They will return to the front. But as the war goes on few of the original officers will be left.

"Two years hence the army will be commanded by promoted non-coms. These men will excel because they will have had practice in fighting, which will replace theoretical training. But the aristocrat with leadership in his blood will have disappeared.

Members of Famous Families.

"Every aristocratic name is in the list of killed and wounded. Among famous military and political names are Bismarck, Moltke, Buelow, Blucher, Bredow, Kleist and Stein. All the lost officers of these names are kinsmen of heroes of past wars or politics. In the northern provinces all the men of several families have perished.

"Worst are the conditions in the west of the Brandenburg Mark and in Pomerania, both old bulwarks of Hohenzollern power. Fourteen princes belonging to some twenty-three reigning families are dead or wounded. There are still 100 of these princes at the front. The losses of the reigning families are exaggerated. In addition to his sons Wilhelm II. has nine cousins and nephews at the front. Six are regimental officers. All these undergo the same risks as do other officers of the line."

Will There Be a Better Germany?

A German soldier, quoted in the Berliner Tageblatt recently, wrote his mother, plaintively wondering "whether there will be a better Germany after this awful war, whether all the sacrifices the country is making will be in vain, or whether the rule of caste, money and rank will be obliterated for ever." The terrible carnage, which even five months of war have caused in the ranks of the noblest families, seems to presage the "better Germany" which the soldier, since killed, hankered after.

COMPARED WITH THE BOER WAR.

An officer at the front writes: "Eye-Witness," with his special access to information, writes well, and I am sure is read with interest at home. But, detached as he is from the "hurly-burly" of regimental life, there are a great many things the soldier does and thinks which do not come within his experience, but which must also be of interest at home. There must be many who served in the South African war, but who, for reasons of age, if for no other, are unable to be at the front now. Such, naturally, will be liable to criticise—kindly or unkindly—the work of our army. Even if such criticism is limited to the fireside or club room, a knowledge of facts is none the less desirable. So far as the vie intime of the soldier is concerned, there is little resemblance between the two campaigns. What the South African campaigner feels so much out here is the want of elbow-room. You are part of a line wedged in between troops. South Africa spelt freedom; fighting was like the veld, wide and vast; a fighting column had flanks and individuality. Moreover, life was sociable. In a mixed force of two or three thousand men all the officers knew one another. Here your brother might be a mile away and you would not know it. In Africa every officer knew more or less the task upon which his and neighboring columns were engaged. Here you listen to heavy rifle fire in front or gun fire a mile in the flank. Are you the attacker or the attacked? Quite possibly you may not know details till you get the English papers four days later.

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NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the undersigned, as Machinists and Bicycle Specialists, at number 2645 Douglas street and 574 Johnson street, in the City of Victoria, Province of British Columbia, was dissolved on the 31st day of January, 1915, by mutual consent.

The undersigned, Antoni Fredrik Marconini, has taken over and will carry on the business at the premises, number 2645 Douglas street aforesaid, and the undersigned, Alfred Gustave Marconini, has taken over and will carry on the business at the premises, number 574 Johnson street aforesaid.

All debts owing to said partnership, until further notice, are to be paid to the Merchants' Protective Association, 204 Hibben-Bone Building, Victoria, B. C.

Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 8th day of February, 1915.

ANTONI FREDRIK MARCONINI,
ALFRED GUSTAVE MARCONINI,
Carrying on business under the firm name of Marconini Brothers.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Ritz Hotel, situate at 710 Fort street, in the City of Victoria, to George Fortin and Henry Forin, both of the said City of Victoria.

Dated the 23rd day of November, A. D. 1914.

B. L. ROBERTSON.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their sitting to be held on Wednesday, the 10th day of March, 1915, for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the Westholme Hotel, situate at No. 1017 Government street, in the City of Victoria, to Edward Bonner, of the said City of Victoria.

Dated this 28th day of November, 1914.

F. F. TROTTER.

LIQUOR LICENSE ACT, 1910

NOTICE is hereby given that, on the first day of January inst., application will be made to the Superintendent of Provincial Police for renewal of license for the sale of liquor by wholesale in and upon the premises known as Radiger & Janion, Ltd., situate at 1318 Wharf street, in the City of Victoria, B. C.

Dated this 1st day of January, 1915.

(Sgd.) E. F. RADIGER,
Applicant.

NOTICE TO RATEPAYERS DESIRING PAVEMENTS, OR PERMANENT SIDEWALKS.

With a view to finding early employment on local improvement works, a limited amount of paving and permanent sidewalk work will be done during 1915 as relief work at a considerably reduced cost to the owners or property fronting thereon. Those property owners desirous of taking advantage of this offer (whether the work has already been petitioned for, or not) must have sufficient signed petitions presented to the City Council not later than the 28th of February next, requesting that the work be proceeded with. Everything else being equal, petitions first received will receive first consideration, but the Council does not bind itself to proceed with all, or any, work petitioned for.

WELLINGTON J. DOWLER,
C. M. C.

City Clerk's Office, Victoria, B. C.,
Jan. 20th, 1915.

Two of the men died from exposure, one of them going completely out of sight in the trench. The other poor chap died as he was being taken to the hospital. Three men were wounded with one bullet, but on the whole our wounded were not serious. Just behind our trenches the village was completely gutted. Not a house was habitable, as everyone had been shelled to atoms. They had even brought God's house of worship to ruins. It had been a pretty old church. They had only left the front and side of the church standing. The very gravestones had been knocked down and lay about the graveyard in broken heaps. My platoon officer had a lucky escape. He was struck on the breast by a bullet which was deflected by his silver match box. It went through his right hand jacket pocket, ripped his jacket and shirt, but never scratched him. How is that for a lucky escape? It would have been a great loss to us if he had fallen, as he was loved by us all. He was so anxious about his men's comfort that he forgot all about his own safety and stood up. Of course the German snipers were on the lookout for the officers, and they had a few pops at him. His name was M'Duff, and he was a soldier and a gentleman. His captain was another brave man, and you can believe me or not but it is the truth that our captain did things which would make your hair stand on end. He cared for nothing, and seemed to fear nothing. One part of the trench where he was was so bad that we were continually pulling men out of the mud and water with ropes made of slings of the rifles. In fact a whole section lost their slings through this."

A SET OF SCHOOLBOYS.

An officer serving with the headquarters staff writes: "The men out of the trenches look like mud pies. One of the field ambulances has been converted into a bathing establishment, 80 men at a time strip and leave their clothes in the dressing-rooms, the garments go into a disinfector, which kills all creepy things, and then to laundry. The men go to the bathrooms and have their bath hot, then to the drying-room, and then to clean, dressin-room, where they are given new clothes, and then off they go to the trenches again. They all looked and behaved like a set of schoolboys, so cheery and bright and full of fun—it is wonderful, and the whizzing of the shells all the time. One of the advanced dressing stations was a good bit battered by shells—they sent seven into it. One went through the officers' ward and covered them with bricks and mortar, but did no further harm to them. Two nursing orderlies standing in the yard hearing this shell just over their heads thought they would bolt for safety, so they ran through a passage and hid against the far wall of the house. The next shell just reached the edge of the roof and then roly-poley down. It burst close to the two men, blew one to bits and smashed the shoulder of the other. Wasn't it bad luck? All our fellows are in he best of spirits."

INDIFFERENT CATTLE.

An east of Scotland man has received a letter from a private in the London Scottish, which states: "I am writing this to you in the trenches, 200 yards from the German lines. Up to now we have been very lucky, and had no heavy fire on us, but plenty of snipers, who are mostly jolly good shots. It is a very rum Christmas, but the weather is by no means as cold as it might be, though very damp. . . . I have been busily engaged all the morning in hollowing out a little shelter in the side of the trench. It is very welcome if they start shelling us, keeps the body warm making it, and the mind healthily employed. It is dreadful to see the ruined homes and villages here. We passed through one, absolutely a place of the dead, not a house you can recognize as such, furniture all over the shop and hanging through the holes in the walls, and you stumble over dead bodies in the road when passing in the dark. I fell over a perambulator, of all things, last night. . . We had a 32 kilometre march the other night. I believe less men fell out from the Scottish than any of the other regiments. It was pretty hard going, with all our kit, and any amount of mud. It is wonderful how little notice the cattle here take of artillery fire—they go on grazing quietly in the fields, with 'Jack Johnsons' bursting all amongst them, and surprisingly few of them are hit."

OFFICER'S SILVER MATCH BOX.

Sergt. Archibald MacIntyre, of "A" company of the 2nd Cameron Highlanders, a Vale of Leven man, in a letter home to a friend at Alexandria, says: "The men we relieved in the trenches could not walk owing to their swollen feet caused by being so long in the mud and water. It was bitterly cold at night in the trenches, as the kilt was not sufficient protection against the severe weather. The first night we went into the trenches only one of the Camerons was wounded, but the second night we had 13 casualties.

TIMES SHIPPING CHART

DEEP SEA ARRIVALS.

Steamer	Master	Tonnage	Agents	From	Due
Crown of Seville	Smith	3,674	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Feb. 20
Oanfa	Lycett	5,806	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Feb. 20
Tacoma Maru	Hamada	2,804	R. P. Rithet & Co.	Hongkong	Feb. 25
Chancellor	Donald	2,985	Balfour, Guthrie	Liverpool	Mar. 20
Inda Maru	———	2,989	R. P. Rithet	Kobe	Feb. 23
Shidzuoka Maru	Dogachi	4,209	C. Northern	Hongkong	Mar. 16
Glengyle	Webster	5,996	E. & N. R.	London	Mar. 1
Panama Maru	Kanao	2,820	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Mar. 4
Carnarvonshire	Holland	5,995	E. & N. R.	London	Mar. 9
Astyanax	———	4,476	Canadian Northern	Sydney, C.B.	Mar. 10
Epsom	Hill	2,820	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 9
Makura	Phillips	4,921	C. P. R.	Sydney	Mar. 1
Titan	Read	5,809	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	Mar. 13
Seattle Maru	Saito	2,820	R. P. Rithet	Hongkong	Mar. 18
Montezuma	Davison	3,960	C. P. R.	Hongkong	Mar. 19
Awa Maru	Hori	3,840	C. Northern	Hongkong	Mar. 24
Buenaventura	Fitzsimmons	3,583	R. W. Greer	New York	Mar. 25
Machaon	———	4,277	Dodwell & Co.	Liverpool	April 5
Niagara	Rolls	7,583	C. P. R.	Sydney	April 8
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Tees, Holberg ....Feb. 20

From West Coast.

Tees, Holberg ....Feb. 27

From San Francisco.

Governor, Pacific Coast ....Feb. 22
President, Pacific Coast ....Mar. 1

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Sol Duc, 11 a. m., except Sunday.

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Sol Duc, 9 a. m., except Sunday.

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SAANICH SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Editor:—In yesterday morning's Colonist the notice regarding school board estimates received by Saanich municipal council is at variance with facts. The original estimates showed a reduction of 10 per cent. on teachers' salaries, but the council objected to five teachers having been increased by the last board.

The council asked for a conference with the board, which was held, and the council desired the board to reconsider their estimates on general expenditure. Before reconsideration it came to the knowledge of the board that there were legal phases to consider, and the board took the whole matter up.

The new estimates put the salaries back where they were and cut on their general expenses, which made the new estimates only $800 more than the original.

The council has to find the money to pay the board's accounts, but have no power to dictate or even to criticize the board's estimates. The final estimates show that the municipal contribution is about $7,538 less than was paid in 1914.

JAMES OWENS, Chairman.
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Feb. 17.

WHO IS TO BLAME?

To the Editor:—Too little notice, to my mind, has been made in the press in reference to the two partial moratorium bills introduced by the government in the interests of speculators who have bought provincial lands and not paid for them.

Sir Richard McBride would do well to be warned in time. The farmers of the province are not likely to tolerate any increase in taxation and assessment until the fourteen or fifteen millions due on land sales are paid into the treasury. The agricultural communities largely blame the prevailing conditions on the shoulders of land speculators, whom they have come to regard as the bane of the province, and they will see that those who have called the tune shall pay the piper.

With reference to Mr. Clubb's letter, it is merely an instance of the denials and cross denials we can expect as the Dominion Trust case develops. Such letters merely confuse the issue, without in any way benefiting the parties concerned.

The only honorable way for the province is a judicial inquiry, full, free and impartial, by which we shall get the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth. This is impossible when one of the accused has the machinery of justice in his hands.

Will Mr. Bowser and the Premier sit up and take notice?

H. B. WINGATE WHITE.

Mill Bay, Feb. 16.

MORATORIUM.

To the Editor:—Re the letter on Moratorium Bill in Tuesday's Colonist, Mr. M. B. Jackson has brought to light a phase of the question of many unfortunate residents in this beautiful country of our who are in desperate predicament owing to no fault of their own or wilfully extravagant engineering of their destinies. A large number possessing a highly developed sense of modesty and moderation are heard to squeal the least, hence any measure of relief intended for the benefit of the general community is apt to fall short of assistance or protection to their class. Whilst not debating the desirability, prestige accrueing from or denied the province in the future, through the declaration of such an act as Moratorium, or the possibilities of evasion or abuse of its measures if passed into law, I maintain (and I feel sure there is monumental support of my contention), that before such an act becomes operative it is the bounden duty of our public men responsible for it to ascertain in time that the act will properly safeguard the interests of the people as a whole, whether buyers, sellers, or victims of unwarranted law actions, as so ably dealt with by your correspondent. He has dealt with the possibilities of grave injustice centering around the legal points. I crave your indulgence from a moral point also. To the man or woman who violated all sense of decency in a moderate persons mind in their yell-mell scramble regardless of scruple to "Get Rich Quick," giving home, honor, or useful pursuits second place to the "Almighty Dollar," in over-reaching efforts of real estate speculations I have little to say. They now probably realize the penalty they so vauntingly despised the warning, of some time previously; if they own a full quota of sportsman's instinct, or fair play, they are at least enabled to somewhat calm a troubled brain with the reflection and consolation that their long run of apparent prosperity, social dictinction, motorcars, and costly homes, has been a happy dream, the awakening of which may point to a road of greater security in the days to come by judicious use of caution and consideration of their fellow beings. I grant that a certain percentage of speculative element is necessary as infusing, enthusiasm and encouragement in the early stages of any great city's formation, just as cords and discords hold relative positions in the composition of harmony in all the beautiful music we so much appreciate and benefit from according to our temperament. After all, speculators are non-producers where material needs are concerned; too many of such individuals is, like too much discord, prone to prove disastrous in the completion. Yet, according to your correspondent, these people, providing they be possessed of sufficient ingenuity to escape the law courts, are to receive the full protecting hand of a paternal government. "One-half the world does not know how the other half live" is as proportionately true of this glorious settlement of sunshine and shimmering bays in Victoria, B. C., as it is of the east end of London, England. The tear-strained pillow night after night of wife, pacing floor in desperation and fear of the coming daylight by husband, at hours when all should be in tranquil sleep, are facts at our very doors to-day in greater frequency than the best philanthropists descry. Men and women are silently suffering under a pecular process of usury and pressure; forcing heroic smiles in the sunlight of to-day, doomed to despair by the hovering clouds of to-morrow. Charity for these is out of the question. They have not lost all yet; neither have they squandered, but assiduously worked and tenaciously held that which debars them from sympathy when caught in the floes of financial depression. They are property owners; not from speculation, but accumulated diligence and self-denial to invest their original capital and meagre savings in the goodwill of the city for a rainy day. Should the penalty of such industrious members of society, with ability too, lacking the chance of employment, or knack of blowing their own trumpet, be ruination at the hands of the vulture section of capitalists. Private help or sympathy having been denied them, because frugal practice and deft fingers were the true conditions behind appearance, it is then the duty of the government that no mistake be made in protecting this section of the community. These are citizens who have come to stay if encouragement can show them a way to protecting their honest rights, and no doubt prepared to prove their merit in time of need in the future development of Victoria. We require all the settlers possible, of the industrious, business and farming classes, even if modesty and refinement appear to be their weak spot, manufacturers will follow as a natural, economic consequence. Unfortunately for this gloriously green spot of ours, self and sharps have been too predominate and have not proved a lasting success to our community. Regardless of the beautiful expressions, encouragement, and advice emanating from your esteemed paper at various periods, the balmy atmosphere of this lovely city is chilled by the penurious winds of the thoughtless fortunates. "Beautiful Victoria's Ugly People" is a caption too fitting and patent to those in a position to see, hear, and judge. In our present unprecedented state of warfare and slackened finances, great care should be taken that the usurer be placed beyond the possibility of usurpation of accumulated results of diligence of anyone showing a clean record, and actual necessitous circumstances, regardless of misleading appearances. True labor, refinement, and acquisition of property (and incidently responsible citizenship) by legitimate means, should not be penalised by the feeling that might will scramble over moral right by legal methods in times of depression.

A. CRESWELL.

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VERY COMFORTABLE, 2-room housekeeping suite, furnished, nice location, $2.75 week; or 3 very large rooms, fully furnished, pantry and bathroom, basement, $5. Box 7335, Times. f12 tf

AT 805 CORMORANT, right in town, nicely furnished housekeeping rooms, with hot and cold water, gas range, bath, light, phone and laundry, $2 weekly and up. f28

CLEAN, furnished, housekeeping, one, two and three-room flats, $5 per month up; all conveniences. 1036 Hillside Ave. f28

HELP WANTED—MALE.

$15 WEEK AND EXPENSES—To travel, appointing local representatives. Whitfield Linscott, Brantford. f24

APPROVED SALESMEN—Make $5 to $15 daily selling our exclusive specialties. Universal demand. Apply Direct Supply Association, Belmont House, Victoria. f19

WANTED—Man and wife to occupy housekeeping rooms, man to act as night nurse when required. Gatlin Institute. Phone 5466. f19

WANTED—A smart youth to collect and deliver orders. Willows Meat Market. f19

WE HAVE SOLVED the great problem of unemployment. Send your application for work to be done in any line, direct Phone 1637. Central Employment & Relief Bureau, 612 Pandora. f27 tf

EMPLOYERS OF HELP who may now or in the immediate future require skilled or unskilled labor, either male or female, should send in their names at once to the Central Employment and Relief Bureau.

LOST AND FOUND.

FOUND—Black terrier. If not claimed within 3 days will be sold. 1322 Clover avenue. f19

LOST—In a "jitney," a small purse containing some change and a key. Finder please Phone 3134R. f18

LOST—Gent's bicycle, taken from Belleville street, opposite C. P. R. office, on Sunday evening. Reward for its return to 203 Quebec street. Phone 973R. f18

A LADY'S UMBRELLA was left in jitney 'bus from Willows camp on Saturday between 7 and 8 o'clock. Kindly return to Sergt. Saunders, Willows Camp. f20

POULTRY.

CUSTOM HATCHING—Send your eggs to be hatched in my machines. Rates reasonable. Better book your space early. T. W. Palmer, Lake Hill P. O., North Quadra street, Victoria.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

FOR SALE—As a going concern, grocery business, in good location; good price to right party. Box 1488, Times. f22

FOR SALE—Cheap, small grocery and confectionery. Phone 4953R. f20

EXCHANGE.

WILL GIVE deeded lot and cash for 4 or 5 roomed house. Box 1482, Times. f22

EXCHANGE—Improved ¼ section in Saskatchewan. What offers? Box 1481, Times. f19

EXCHANGE—I have a lot on Beachwood valued at $1,650 for which I will accept Ford touring car as first payment, balance easy. State full particulars. Box 1483, Times. f19

EXCHANGE OR SELL—Good farm land, with buildings, near Edmonton. Box 1457, Times. f18

WANTED—Automobile to apply on exchange for 4 or 7-room house and lot, valued at $2,800 and $3,300. Apply Box 1408, Times. f18

FOR SALE—ARTICLES.

FOR SALE—Drop-head Singer machine, almost new. What offers? Box 1491, Times. f20

FURNITURE FOR SALE—Select and well-kept furniture of an eight roomed residence for sale privately, whole or part. Apply Box H. M., Times. f17 tf

FOR RENT—6 roomed house, Tennyson avenue, near 2 cars; $9 per month. Phone 5376. f19

FOR SALE—10 shares of the Bakeries, Ltd. What offers? Box 1475, Times. f19

FOR SALE—Whitney Pullman baby carriage, good as new. 1041 Queen's Ave. f19

FOR SALE—Motorboat, 30 ft., 8 ft. beam, 30 h. p. engine, $450 spot cash. Apply 551 Johnson street. f23

SMALL STORE, low rent, best of goods, cut prices. Visit Butler at the Lancashire Furniture Store, 805 Fort, near Blanshard. f19

NEW FURNITURE at less than auction prices can be bought at the Standard Furniture Co., just out of the high rental district. 731 Pandora Ave., above Douglas. f11 tf

FOR SALE—Fixtures for cigar or candy store, in golden oak; silent salesman, cash register, scales, etc. Fumed oak dining sets, cook stoves, etc. W. Daverne & Co., 901 and 903 Yates St. m12

YOUR KING AND COUNTRY NEED YOU—Your city also needs you, to patronize its industries. Give the Dominion Carton & Printing Works your next order for cardboard boxes. We manufacture them right here in Victoria. Phone 1447. Our prices are reasonable. f18

GENT'S SINGER, 3-speed; owner leaving. Can be seen at Godfree's, the bicycle specialist, 802 Yates. f18

AUCTION PRICES—All kinds good class furniture, etc., selling daily at the "Select" Auction Rooms, 1016 Fort (close Vancouver) street. m8

BLACK SOIL AND MANURE. Phone 168. f26

FOR SALE—Malleable and steel ranges, $1 down, $1 per week. 2001 Government street.

STOVE, heater, furniture, floorcloth. 322 John street. f18

BLACK SOIL and manure. Phone 1864. a24

FOR SALE—Mirror 30x60, silent salesmen, large showcase, counter, desk, chairs, rug, etc. Victoria Leather Goods Store, 1203 Douglas street. f18

FOR SALE—Automatic rifle, 30.30 cal., $20; banjo in mahogany case, $8.50; Eastman kodak, No. 1 A, folding pocket, $7.50; galvanic battery, $3.50; hotel clock, $4.50; leather mandolin case, $2.50; telescope, marine, Corte, 32 in., $7.50; corner brace, $4.50; stock and dies, $3.50; electric post card magic lantern, $4.50; kettle drum, $7.50; 1-10 gold Waltham watch, $18; Gillette safety razors, $2.75; bicycle cards, 10c.; sterling silver English Hall marked pipes, 75c. each; 6-pocket, 1915, leather purses, 50c. each. Jacob Aaronson's new and second-hand store, 572 Johnson street, Victoria, B.C. Phone 1747.

FOR SALE—AUTOMOBILES.

FOR SALE—1912 Overland, with numerous extras and two new tires, $575; 1912 Hupmobile, 5-seater, in excellent order, $375; Hupmobile runabout, recently overhauled, $300. Davie's Garage, 617 Vancouver St. f18

FURNISHED ROOMS

FURNISHED ROOM to rent, use of phone. 325 Simcoe street. m12

A NICE FRONT HEATED ROOM to rent, nicely furnished, all conveniences. Phone 3904L. Miss Hall. h21

ARLINGTON ROOMS, 819 Fort. Outside rooms, steam heat, hot water every room; terms moderate. Miss Mercer, late housekeeper Ritz Hotel. Phone 18190. Arlington Rooms. m4

ROOMS AND BOARD.

BOARD AND ROOM WANTED—Gentleman wants board and room close to Oak Bay Junction. Box 1453, Times. f18

ROOM AND BOARD—Front room, suitable for one or two gentlemen, furnace heated, and phone 3985. 652 Garbally road. f20

A COMFORTABLE FRONT ROOM, with board, suitable for two, with bath and phone; terms reasonable. 841 Burdett avenue. Phone 2544. f19

AT 813 COOK STREET—Room, first-class table; also table board. Phone 1068. f18

COMFORTABLE ROOM AND BOARD, reasonable, close in, furnace heat. 615 Vancouver street. Phone 3320X. m8

TO LET—Comfortable, furnished room, with full board, in a private family, home comforts, centrally located. Phone 3076L. f28

FIRST-CLASS ROOMS, with or without board. 926 Humboldt street. Phone 4837L. m4

BOARD AND ROOM. 510 Wilson street, Victoria West. m9

HOT WATER HEATED ROOMS, with board, $7 per week. "Loraine," 828 Courtney street, formerly St. Helens. Mrs. Anna McDowell. Phone 1454R. m3

FROM $6—Room and board. English family, use of phone. 2509 Government. f22

CHERRYBANK — First-class boarding house, centrally and pleasantly situated. A few vacancies. Victoria Crescent, Church Hill. f20

GOOD BOARD AND ROOM. American cooking; prices reasonable. 2631 Government street. Phone 3348R. f19

ROOMS—With or without board, terms low. ... Government. Phone 3566L.

MONEY TO LOAN

MONEY TO LOAN—$4,000 at 8 per cent., improved property. Dalby & Lawson, 615 Fort street. f19

APARTMENTS FOR RENT.

FREE RENT of furnished apartments to young married woman who will do bedroom work. 2814 Douglas street, The Belwil. f20

TO LET—Modern flat, three rooms, bath and pantry. Apply 504 Oswego St. f22

APARTMENT TO RENT, McDonald Block; free telephone and water. Phone 731L. f12 tf

$11 A MONTH—Hot water heated apartments, electric light, etc. Your comfort is our interest. 2814 Douglas. The Belwil. m10

FOR RENT—4-room flat, all modern, hot and cold water, gas range, $12. Apply 928 Bay street. f18

FURNISHED SUITES TO RENT—Hot and cold water, electric light, heat, and tennis court, good location and reasonable prices. Phone 2760L. 951 Johnson street, corner Vancouver street. f22

DANCING.

MRS. TULLY, private dance pianist. Popular music and moderate terms. Country engagements accepted. Phone 3481L2. m11

DANCE in St. John's Hall every Saturday evening at 8.30. Mrs. Ridgard's orchestra. f21

PUBLIC DANCE at Connaught Hall every Saturday evening. Gentlemen 50c., ladies free.

FOR SALE—LIVESTOCK.

GOOD AIREDALE DOG, first-class pedigree; price $30. Apply 341 Simcoe street, or Phone 2776R. f20

FOR SALE—Bay mare, 7 years. Apply 630 Johnson street. f19

TEAM, wagon and harness for sale, cheap; owner leaving country. H. R. O'Kelly, Colquitz avenue, Gorge View Park. f22

A NUMBER of pure bred Belgian hares for sale. M. Haughton, Kildare Rabbitries, Rock avenue, R. M. D. 4, Victoria. f20

FOR SALE—POULTRY.

SIX RHODE ISLAND PULLETS, 4 hens, 1 cockerel, the lot for $10. 802 Yates. f18

MAMMOTH PEKIN DUCK EGGS, $1.25 per setting; incubator lots. T. W. Palmer, Lake Hill P. O., Victoria. m8

BABY CHICKS, ducklings, and hatching eggs, poultry and fruits form paying combination. Catalogue forwarded on application. Chas. Provan, Langley Fort, near Vancouver. f2 tf

HELP WANTED—FEMALE.

WANTED—A competent legal stenographer. Crease & Crease. f17 tf

GOOD HOME for young girl in return for light service. Apply 1420 Woodlands road. f18

WANTED—Girl, about 16, to care for child afternoons. Apply mornings, 1344 Victoria avenue. f19

WANTED—Two ladies of good appearance to canvass our own clients. Apply, with references, first to Box 1466, Times. f18

WANTED—At once, resident governess, Latin, mathematics, chemistry. Box 7368, Times. f18

WANTED—Girl to do house work and cooking, also take baby out; must be clean and smart. Apply, giving reference and wages, to Box 7364, Times. f18

IF YOU HAVE WORK for a few hours, days or weeks, won't you send in your name to the Central Employment and Relief Bureau and let us send you the man or woman to do that work?

MISCELLANEOUS.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any debts contracted by my wife, Martha Edwards, from this date. Harry Edwards, Millstream P. O., B. C. f20

IF OWNER OF BOX for Bain wagon does not claim same by Saturday, will sell same. Mrs. Hunt, Esquimalt road. f18

LAWN MOWERS collected, sharpened, delivered, $1. Dandridge, Oak Bay Ave. Phone 4693L1 or 5011L. m6

C. P. COX, piano tuner, graduate School for the Blind, Halifax, 159 South Turner street. Phone 1212L. m4

TO THE PUBLIC AT LARGE—I beg to announce that my company, the Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada, are writing war risks at ordinary rates, with additional war risks of $50 per each thousand, until further notice. A. J. Brubaker, 409 Sayward. Phone 3308. f14 tf

WE ARE STILL IN THE TRENCH fighting, not enemies, but competition; $3 1-3 less prices than any other firm who put up quality. All white union cooks. Daily special, rib steak, French fried potatoes, bread, butter, 25c. Can you beat this? Quality, best only. Baltimore Lunch, Ltd., 1210 Government street. f23

LEAKY ROOFS repaired and guaranteed. Tel. L4611.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

$150 FOR SIXTY DAYS' EASY WORK—Write for contract. Bradley-Garretson, Brantford. f24

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Female.)

EXPERIENCED CASHIER wishes position; first-class references. Box 1470, Times. f23

THE CENTRAL EMPLOYMENT AND RELIEF BUREAU is prepared to fill any vacancy for male or female, in skilled or unskilled labor, at once. Phone or write.

SITUATIONS WANTED—(Male.)

HANDY MAN, married, wants work at anything; good painter and paperhanger; references. Box 845, Times. f20

SECRETARY-ACCOUNTANT, engaged with old-established firm and now reduced to half-time employment owing to present conditions, wishes part time work in similar capacity. Books opened, closed and balanced, double entry, monthly statements, correspondence, building plans measured in all trades, etc. Reference and bond. Apply Box 1430, Times. f20

YOUNG MARRIED MAN, ratepayer and resident Victoria some years, desires employment; experienced bookkeeper, correspondent, typist; held important confidential positions; adaptable, reliable, keen worker; highly recommended. E., Box 1080, Post Office. f24

WE HAVE A WAITING LIST of skilled and unskilled laborers, clerks, bookkeepers, etc., both men and women, ready and anxious for employment. What do you need done? Central Employment and Relief Bureau.

WANTED—ACREAGE

WANTED—One or two acres in Saanich, cheap for cash. Box 1455, Times. f22

WANTED—Farm on Vancouver Island, one to five hundred acres, part or all under cultivation, with stock, implements, etc.; owner must accept Victoria city property as part payment. Box 1458, Times. f22

WANTED—LOANS.

WANTED—$2,000 at 8 per cent., first mortgage on choice Victoria property (house and lot), Fairfield district, worth $7,000. Box 1451, Times. f18

WANTED—MISCELLANEOUS.

WANTED—To rent, rock drilling outfit, steam or air. Apply Box 1493, Times Office. f24

WANTED—Second-hand autos. We have calls daily for good second-hand cars and can sell yours if left with us. Vancouver Island Motor Co., 937 View St. f18

WANTED—Buggy for Shetland pony, or will trade for large buggy. Box 1456, Times. f18

WANTED—To buy, small fishing boat, up to $250 cash. Box 1347, Times. f18

CASH PAID for old gold and silver, or any old, broken jewellery. M. Stern, 609 Yates street. Phone 4810.

CASH PAID for ladies' and gents' slightly worn clothing. M. Stern, 609 Yates street. Phone 4810.

WANTED—TO RENT.

WILL CARE FOR HOUSE during owner's absence, for rent; references. Box 7363, Times. f19

WANTED—To rent by March 1, modern six roomed bungalow; steady tenant; rent must be moderate. Phone 4344L. f16 tf

FOR SALE—HOUSES

TWO MODERN HOUSE BARGAINS—One 7-room, the other, 8. Apply P. O. Box 245. Agents need not apply. f18

FIVE-ROOM, MODERN HOUSE for sale; snap price. Apply 2330 Lee Ave. m1

A Home Bargain

CORNER SKINNER AND ALSTON STREETS

Lots 133 and 133a, each 60x132 ft., overlooking the Arm. Seven rooms, bath, pantries, basement, heater, electric light, sewer, etc. Large open fireplaces, lawns, vegetable garden, fruit trees and ornamental shrubs.

Terms $1,500 Cash. Balance $500 Per Year With Interest

MONEY TO LOAN — **P. R. BROWN** — INSURANCE WRITTEN

1112 BROAD STREET

FOR SALE—LOTS.

SACRIFICE—Waterfront at Cadboro Bay, 140 feet on the beach, good house. For full particulars apply Shaw & Co., 203 Stobart-Pease Block. f19

FOR SALE—HOUSES.

$100 TERMS—New house, 4 rooms, 604 Cornwall street, off Richardson. Owner, 106 Fisgard street. m3

FOR SALE—3 roomed cottage, inside city limits; a snap for quick sale, $100 down; balance arranged. Apply P. O. Box 1263. f20

FOR SALE—Fairfield, Woodland road, house, 5 rooms, furnace, all modern; $2,600, small cash payment, balance mortgage if desired. R. Jackson, 412 Sayward Building. f19

FAIRFIELD—Bushby street, house, 6 rooms, all modern, nice home; $2,600, easy terms. R. Jackson, 412 Sayward Building. f19

A RARE OFFER—Very cosy and compact new 4-room bungalow, modern, with all conveniences, open fireplace, part cement basement, choice lot 50x184, all fenced, good soil, fine view, inside city limits, one block from Burnside car. A real nice home for a small family and offered at a big sacrifice. Special price for few days only, $2,100. Easy terms arranged. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. f19

BUY A HOME AT A SNAP and stop paying rent. Here's the best bargain in Victoria. Modern, 6-room house, 953 Hampshire road, cement basement, full size lot, built two years ago, cost $4,200; will sell for $3,550; terms, $100 cash and balance $25 month, or will accept automobile or good lot as first payment. 221a Pemberton Bldg. f18

ANOTHER FINE HOME at a sacrifice. Linden avenue, 6-room, modern bungalow, practically new, furnace and all conveniences; house cost $3,000 to build, lot cost $2,200. This desirable home is offered at the sacrifice price of $3,850; $500 cash handles. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. f19

FOR SALE—ACREAGE.

SIX ACRES, 5-room cottage, furniture, new range, chickens, etc., as a going concern, $3,500 cash; 7 acres, with cottage, and 14 acres, with cottage, $12 per month. Alfred Taylor, Town and Country Realty, corner Yates and Government. f20

FOR SALE—Half-acre of land, with cottage and greenhouses, a going concern, cheap. Shaw & Co., 203 Stobart-Pease Block. f19

ACREAGE SNAP—Ten acres near Nanaimo, first-class soil; will sacrifice at $475 spot cash for clear title; well worth $150 per acre. National Realty Co., 1232 Government street. f19

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

DIGGONISMS—"Don't leave your spoon in your cup—work it up your sleeve." Diggon Printing Co., Phone 2148. f18

YORKSHIRE SOCIETY—Attend the annual social dance, etc., Thursday, Feb. 18, Conjaught Hall, 8 to 12 p. m. Admission, gentlemen 50c., ladies 25c. Miss Thain's orchestra. Tickets from committee.

"SPECIAL" — Friday and Saturday, "Tannhauser," with appropriate music. The great grand opera in moving pictures. Rex Theatre, Esquimalt. f20

PATRONIZE HOME INDUSTRY and eat Esquimalt oysters, fresh from the beds daily. For sale by all dealers. f23

COMFORTABLE ROOMS, with meals, first-class homelike, all modern, central; terms moderate. 641 Superior St. f24

"EVERYBODY'S DOIN' IT." What? Going to the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt. f20

WANTED—Small piano; must be in good condition and cheap. Box 1500, Times. f24

TO LET—Modern, 7 roomed house, 90 Dallas road, near Hotel Dallas. Apply 1228 Montrose avenue. Phone 3238L. m11

McLAUGHLIN 30, 5-seater, electric starter and lights, run only 4,000 miles; owner leaving town will take $700; Ford car taken as part payment. 619 Niagara street. Phone 1155R. f20

GOOD MUSIC, good pictures, "our motto," at Rex Theatre, Esquimalt. f20

WANTED—Unfurnished room, by lady, near Carrie street. Box 1498, Times. f20

TO RENT—Lovely 3-room suite, unfurnished, at Dauphin Apartments, 2312 Work street (just off Queen's), cheap rent. Phone 4895L. f20

WANTED—An Evinrude boat engine in trade for Port Alberni lot, cost $150. Box 1496, Times. f20

YOU CAN SEE The Mutual Girl every Friday and Saturday at the Rex Theatre, Esquimalt. f20

NOTHING MORE DELICIOUS than Esquimalt oysters. Order some from your dealer who receives them fresh from the beds daily. f23

TO LET—Gorge road, close in, seven roomed house with two fine lots, fruit trees, garden, etc.; rent $15. Heisterman, Forman & Co. f20

COOK-GENERAL wanted immediately. Phone 1736R. f24

YOUNG MAN, English, wants work in boarding or private house. Box 1505, Times. f20

YOUR BUSINESS CARD should represent you—designed and printed to suit your profession. Our facilities enable us to create yours the proper way and the cheapest way. Diggon Printing Co., 1014 Broad street (Pemberton Block). f18

FOR SALE—5-passenger Overland, fitted with extra large tires; just the car for the jitney run; price $500; will take small car as part payment. T. Plimley, Johnson street. f18

FOR SALE—5-passenger Studebaker, just overhauled and re-painted; price $700. T. Plimley, 739 Johnson street, city. f18

FOR SALE—Second-hand, 1914, 6-cylinder, five or seven-passenger Buick; this car is in perfect order and cost when new $2,800; for quick sale $1,350. T. Plimley, 739 Johnson street. f18

FIRST AID FACILITIES FOR ISOLATED WORKERS

Parker Williams Re-introduces His Bill for Protection of Industrial Employes

A study of the report of the labor commission shows that the majority of the recommendations it has to make are based on legislation which was presented to the house in past sessions by Liberal and Socialist members, only to be turned down at the behest of the government. This, however, is only what the government itself has been doing in the way of adopting policies which it has declared to be quite impossible when proposed by anyone on the opposition side of the house.

One of these was embodied in a bill which Parker Williams introduced in the session of 1909, for the protection of workmen engaged in industrial occupations, to which the government took the usual exception. Now that the labor commission has adopted the idea Mr. Williams has re-introduced his bill, and it will be interesting to watch its fate this session. That a government measure based on the report is not to be proceeded with, even if the promise of the speech from the throne is implemented by its introduction, is certain.

The short name of Mr. Williams' act would be the Ambulance Act. It provides that where any employer of labor is directly or indirectly operating in works or camps with more than twenty men, and at a point more than three miles from the office of a medical practitioner, he shall always maintain about such industries or works at least one person possessing a certificate of competency to render first aid to the injured. He shall also provide a good and sufficient ambulance box or boxes.

The secretary of the provincial board of health is to determine what the qualifications shall be, necessary to obtain a certificate of competency in first aid, and any duly qualified medical practitioner is authorized to issue such a certificate.

The operation of any works affected by the act for more than six days without such a competent person renders the employer liable, on summary conviction, to a fine of not over $50 or in default to imprisonment for not more than three months. For any incompetent person to presume to possess a certificate in accordance with the act renders him liable to similar penalties.

In any prosecution under the act the name of the informant shall not be disclosed. The act is not to apply to coal mines, which of course, are provided for under the Coal Mines Regulations Act.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

FOR SALE—Second-hand Peerless; price $475. T. Plimley, 739 Johnson street. f18

FOR SALE—7-passenger Regal, just overhauled and new gears fitted; price $750; will take small car as part payment. T. Plimley, 739 Johnson street, city. f18

FOR SALE—Second-hand, two-ton truck, fitted with express body and top; cost new $4,000; price $1,500; this truck is guaranteed for six months. T. Plimley, 739 Johnson street, city. f18

FOR SALE—1911 Cadillac, fitted with ten-passenger body and top, all tires practically new; price $800. Apply 739 Johnson street, Plimley's Garage. f18

CORDWOOD SAWING OUTFIT for sale. Gasoline engine and circular saw mounted on portable rig; part cash and terms, or part exchange—cordwood. G. L. Walker, Sub P. O. 5. Phone 3539R1. f18

ESQUIMALT—Finest dry cordwood, stove lengths, $6 per cord delivered. G. L. Walker, Phone 3539R1. f18

FOR SALE—A graduated weight lifting outfit, loads up to 175 lbs.; price $20; or will exchange good second-hand bicycle. 2220 Cadboro Bay road. f20

YOUR CHOICE of thoroughbred cockerels for breeding; 7 R. I. Reds, 3 Black Minorcas, 2 Black Orpingtons, 2 White Leghorns, at $2.50. Phone 1933R1. f24

WANTED—HOUSES.

WANTED—To rent for one year with option of purchase, 7 or 8 roomed house, close in. P. O. Box 285. f24

DIED

LANE—On the 16th inst., at Jubilee Hospital, Harry C. Lane, aged 26 years, a native of England.

Funeral from the chapel of Hanna & Thomson, 827 Pandora avenue, on Friday, Feb. 19, at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment at Ross Bay cemetery.

Friends kindly accept this intimation.

BEBBINGTON—On February 18, 1915, at the residence, 41 Simcoe street, Captain Thomas Bebbington, aged 68 years 6 months. Born at Liverpool, England.

The funeral will take place on Saturday, February 20, at 2 p. m., from the residence, and 2.30 p. m. at the Reformed Episcopal church. Interment in Ross Bay cemetery.

No flowers, by request.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Collins wishes to thank her many friends and Dominion Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., for the beautiful flowers sent and the kind expressions of sympathy shown in her sad bereavement.

PROTEST ASSESSMENT ON VINING STREET

Owners Object to Assessment on Several Grounds Before Court of Revision

Objection was taken at the civic court of revision this morning by H. C. Hall on behalf of some of the owners on Vining street, to the way in which improvements had been carried out on that street. Particular objection was taken to the retaining wall built, which was not authorized under the original by-law, and which it was explained when complaint was made to the engineering department had been built in the way of compensation. He submitted that the council had no power to award compensation of that character.

Mr. Hall objected to the items for interest, $1268, and discount $2177, which he claimed were excessive, the act contemplating only temporary interest. The by-law was passed in April 1912, and the work should certainly have been completed by the end of 1913, and he considered that the owners should not be called upon to be saddled with the whole interest and discount.

Mr. Hall then called evidence on the character of the wall, and the variation of the grades. One witness stated that he had spent $250 in bringing his property up to grade, and the work had not yet been finished.

City Solicitor Robertson stated that the engineering department had put the wall in on private property to avoid a heavy claim for compensation which had been threatened. The owners, in agreeing to grading, must anticipate any suitable alteration of grading to make a satisfactory work. The question of interest and discount was rather a matter of administration rather than of legal redress. There was in his opinion, a time when such an act ceased to be a just one.

Alderman Porter thought some of the owners were suffering under a delusion in contending that their property had not been benefited by the work executed.

The court adjourned till to-morrow afternoon to enable the members of the court to see the situation at Vining street.

A protest against the assessment of Blackwood street was read from George E. Oliver, who will be informed that the work has been completed. The assessment, $29,300, was confirmed.

The Victoria Terminal Railway Co. protested against assessments on Herald street, where the Victoria & Sidney Railway depot is situate, in connection with an assessment on Herald street frontage.

Supt. F. Van Sant appeared for the railway company, the assessment being confirmed.

Questions with regard to the surface drains on Leonard street led to a summons to the assistant engineer, who explained the situation.

One of the owners pointed out that for a similar service on Cambridge street paving had been given at $1.05 per front foot less than on Leonard street and he wanted to know the reason.

The assessment was ordered to stand.

Unopposed assessments confirmed were Bay, between Douglas and Bridge streets, paving $38,000; Duchess, paving, Dallas road, Cook to Bushby, sidewalk; Fort street, Richmond to Fowl Bay, sidewalks; Fort street, Cook to Linden, and Fort street, Linden to Craigdarroch, expropriations; Pandora avenue, Douglas to Amelia, sidewalks; Pandora avenue, Douglas to Vancouver, cluster lighting, $15,000; Shasta street, boulevards; and Stanley avenue, boulevards.

Difficulties with regard to the sewerage facilities on Stanley avenue, between Fort street and Pandora avenue, will lead to a report being presented on the question by the engineering department. When the new paving was laid, a new sewer was installed, to which some owners' premises are connected and others are not.

NEW RATES OPERATIVE IN TARIFF SCHEDULE

Yesterday Stamp Taxes on Certain Articles Came Into Effect

Yesterday there went into force a stamp duty on proprietary and patent medicines, perfumes, wines, champagne, and perfumed spirits of all kinds, which is imposed for the purpose of increasing inland revenue of the dominion at the present time. Already R. Jones, collector of the inland revenue department here has issued a large number of stamps to be used in this tax. In appearance they very much resemble the ordinary letter stamp, and are reseda green in color.

Importers, manufacturers, wholesale and retail dealers are the first to be affected by the new revenue regulations, which were tabled in the House of Commons recently by the finance minister.

A list of the articles affected by the new regulations are proprietory or patent medicines; perfumery, the retail price for each bottle or package of which being ten cents or less is one cent tax, more than ten cents, an additional one cent for each ten cents in addition or any fraction or part thereof; (non sparkling), each bottle or package containing one quart or less five cents, quantity greater than one quart five cents for each quart or fraction thereof; champagne and sparkling wines each bottle or package containing one pint or less 25 cents; quantity greater than one pint for each pint or fraction thereof 25 cents.

The schedule contains an appendix stating in greater detail the nature of the articles affected: packet includes carton, packet, box, pot, cask of wood, or other material. Perfumery includes alcoholic and non-alcoholic perfumed spirits, bay rum, cologne water, lavender water, hair oil, tooth and other powders, washes, pomatums, pastes, and all other preparations used for the hair, mouth and skin.

Proprietary or patent medicines includes pills, powders, tinctures, troches, lozenges, syrups, cordials, bitters, anodynes, tonics, plasters, linaments, salves, ointments, pastes, drops, waters (except mineral waters in their natural state or carbonized) essences, oils and other medicinal preparations, bottled or packed ready for sale in respect for which the manufacturer has claims to a formula or secret method of making, or which are prepared or made under letters patent or trade mark, or which are recommended to the public by the makers, vendors, or proprietors, as remedies or specifics for any disease.

This does not include any medicinal preparations or composition recognized by the British or United States pharmacopoeia, or the French codex as officinal.

Before the sale of any of the things above enumerated an adhesive stamp of the value mentioned in the schedule must be affixed to the bottle or package, and before the time of sale and delivery of the article such stamp must be cancelled by the manufacturer or producer, who shall write across the face his initials or other marks of identification together with the date, or otherwise render it incapable of being used on any other bottle or package. Any of the articles referred to imported into Canada must while in the custody of the proper custom officers have affixed thereto an adhesive stamp of the value mentioned in the schedule opposite the respective articles. This stamp also must be cancelled by the owner or importer while such articles are in the custody of the said officers.

The minister reserves the power to make such regulations as seem necessary for allowing the bottling of wine from a package to which stamps have been affixed. No one shall bottle wine intended for sale from such package except in accordance with the regulations so made, and the person bottling the wine shall at the time affix a stamp of the value called for in the schedule.

It is interesting to note in this section that any person who has put wine into bottles under these conditions shall be entitled to r[illegible]r under the regulations made by the minister a drawbackafter showing the value of the stamp affixed to the original package. Every manufacturer, importer, or dealer who exports anw bottle or package shall be entitled to recover a drawback thereon also, but drawbacks on articles exported shall not be payable unless the person claiming the drawback has given at least two days' notice in writing to the inland revenue officer.

The penalty for neglect to attach stamps as required or to cancel such stamps shall not exceed $250.

The minister, it appears, may direct stamps to be prepared for the purposes and bearing such devices as he thinks proper. He may appoint any collectors of inland revenue, postmasters, or other officers of the government, to sell such stamps.

Insofar as the provisions relate to wine and champagne, they came into force yesterday, and all such articles imported are taken out of the customs warehouse on and after that day are subject to the tax.

A large number of stamps have already been taken by wholesale houses in the city for use as directed.

A tourist, travelling in the Rocky Mountains, was introduced to an old hunter who claims to have killed no fewer than 400 bears. "Bill," said the introducer, "this feller wants to hear some narrow escapes you've had from bears." The old man, rubbing his eyes, looked the stranger over, and said: "Young man, if there's been any narrer escapes, the bears had 'em."

TWO LOCAL DOCTORS CALLED TO FRANCE

Drs. H. E. Ridewood and Geo. Hall Will Go to Base Hospital

Dr. George Hall and Dr. Harold E. Ridewood, two of the leading physicians of Victoria, have received orders to proceed to the base hospital in France, and expect to leave within the next fortnight to take up their duties. There are two base hospitals, and it is probable that the two doctors will go to that near Bourdigne, although definite particulars as to this have not been received.

AMERICAN MAYORS REPLY TO MESSAGES

Mayor Stewart Receives Telegrams; Governor Johnson, of California, Wires

Further telegrams in reply to Mayor Stewart's messages of congratulation at the centenary of peace have been received as follows:

Governor Hiram W. Johnson, of California—"Expressions of esteem and good will set forth in your telegram awaken anew the resolve to live at peace with our fellowmen. Please accept grateful acknowledgments and assurances on this auspicious occasion of earnest desire of people of California to cement still stronger the bonds of friendship and mutual confidence."

Mayor Albee, of Portland—"Your night letter received, and in reply wish to thank you most warmly for sentiments expressed therein, and to say that it is my sincere hope that ere long the whole world will be at peace, for it must come some day, and the sooner the better. The progress during the past century of Great Britain and the United States proves the value of friendship of nations, and the blessings to mankind flowing therefrom."

Mayor C. F. O'Neall, San Diego—"Wish to thank you and through you the people of Victoria for your message of felicitation. May peace, good will, and co-operation between our countries continue until that eternal morn shall come when the Prince of Peace will come in peaceful glory."

Mayor P. F. Fuller, Blaine—"The city of Blaine, upon this conclusion of the centenary of peace between Great Britain and the United States, joins with your beautiful city in celebrating this important event. May our glory's page ever record peace, universal justice, and love."

Mayor I. Katz, Port Townsend—"The citizens of Port Townsend are joining me in thanking you for the kind expressions contained in your telegram of yesterday from the city of Victoria. We equally rejoice with you over the happy event, and I sincerely hope that the friendly feeling of the United States with Great Britain and her dominions will grow stronger and stronger as time goes on."

Mayor Demattos, Bellingham—"The city of Bellingham reciprocates the kindly sentiments of your people on this occasion of the peace centenary between our two great Anglo-Saxon countries. May the geographic line dividing us be eternally cemented by the principles promulgated by the Prince of Peace."

Mayor Harley O. White, Salem—"The people of the city of Salem wish to express their warmest gratitude for the congratulatory message from the city of Victoria upon the conclusion of the centenary of peace between the United States and Great Britain, and each and every citizen is thankful for the conditions which permit uninterrupted business relations and precludes useless bloodshed and strife. We trust that the centenary of peace just concluded is only the beginning of an epoch of closer relations between our respective countries and unprecedented prosperity for both."

LABOR REPRESENTATION

Trades and Labor Council Will Look After Direct Protection of Interests.

At the regular meeting of the Trades and Labor council held last evening, three important matters came up for discussion, one being the attempt to reduce the plumbers' wages.

The delegate from the Plumbers' union reported that the plumbers having refused to accept this proposed reduction of one dollar per day by certain shops some were now on the lockout, only three shops paying the schedule wages.

The action of the plumbers was endorsed by the council and it was moved that the union should have the unanimous support of the trades council.

The time having arrived in the opinion of the meeting that some action should be taken by which the laboring people can have a voice in municipal and other legislation, it was resolved that a committee be formed, to be known as the parliamentary committee, to be composed of six delegates whose duty it shall be to devise ways and means for the election of labor candidates, and to carry out such work along those lines as the council from time to time shall decide.

The question came up regarding the reduction of wages. The executive committee had, at a previous meeting, passed a resolution that a meeting be called under the auspices of the Trades and Labor council. This meeting was confirmed, and will be a mass gathering of the civic employes, to be held on Friday, February 26. The chairman of this committee, John Day, was requested to find a suitable hall.

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ROTARIANS HEAR OF CHANCES FOR TRADE

John W. Lethaby Tells of Business Overseas That Can Be Secured for B. C.

Members of the Rotary club at lunch to-day heard John W. Lethaby, of the Dominion marine and fisheries department, on the "First Steps Towards Securing Overseas Trade for British Columbia." By reason of the war in Europe the speaker said there had been a greater market opened for British Columbia, and more important still, for Vancouver island, lumber. How aid can be won for the exporters of the province by getting into communication with consuls in far lands where British Columbia goods are needed was demonstrated by the story he told of the sale of half a million dollars worth of German goods first imported to Great Britain. Referring to South America the speaker said there were splendid advantages for securing trade and particularly advised an aggressive campaign there with the introduction of a new slogan, "Made in Canada."

Mr. Lethaby, referring to the export of lumber, said the opportunity of the lumbermen now is greater than ever before. They have as markets South America and Australia, he said. In South Africa, he said, there is a market for canned goods that should be taken advantage of by those interested in the fruit and other canning industries of the province.

Consular offices should, he said, be communicated with, and samples of British Columbia goods sent to the British consuls in each part of South America. The consuls would have them to show those who would be interested, and could do an immense amount of good for British Columbia. He told of one consul through whom had been sold from Great Britain $500,000 worth of goods, but in this case the goods had first been got from Germany. With the war on and the German manufacturers having lost the greatest portion of their export trade to the British world, there was an excellent opportunity for the manufacturers of British Columbia to get much of it. By the consular agency plan he thought manufacturers here could achieve the object.

He advised that the manufacturers obtain consular reports from every state in South America and elsewhere where trade was to be had. These could be compared with American reports and the comparisons made the basis of export business.

People in British countries, he said, write for such things as can be exported from here. When the war is over and the country is again marching on to prosperity, he said, there will be an enormous trade boom, but the way to take advantage of the future is to begin to prepare now, to get the connections established and reap the good results that are bound to come.

Throughout South America, said Mr. Lethaby, there is a proverb, "Do it on the word of an Englishman," which is in itself a great advantage to start with in making trade relations. To this he advocated the use of the words "Made in Canada," which would be used to mean that the things so marked are good.

Mr. Lethaby offered to give information to individual members who are interested, and asked all to help on the work.

Reference was made by the president, Frank Higgins, to the death of one of the Rotarians, Henry C. Lane, of the B. C. Telephone company. He spoke of the sorrow of the club and of the sympathy for the late Mr. Lane's relatives, to whom the club is sending a letter of condolence. Messrs. Beatty Blashfield and Fraser are to be pallbearers from the Rotary club at the funeral to-morrow morning. Mr. Lane is the first Rotarian of Victoria to be called by death.

Arrangements were made for the reception of visiting Rotarians who are coming here Friday and Saturday. On the question of badges for local Rotarians being raised, George Barton, of Gordon's Limited, offered the ribbon and W. H. P. Sweeney, of Sweeney & McConnell, promised the printing. Mr. Blashfield, of the Western Union Telegraph company, promised to supply the pins.

There will be about one hundred and fifty delegates coming from Seattle and places beyond. They will reach here Friday evening and are to be met by a large delegation of the local Rotary club.

On Saturday morning from 10 to 12 o'clock Rotarians are to take members for an extended drive, many automobiles being offered at the lunch to-day for this purpose. There is to be a luncheon, followed by an afternoon conference, a banquet, and a dance at night. All functions are for Rotarians and take place at the Empress hotel.

It was announced during the luncheon that one of the cabinet ministers of the government is to be present at the banquet and that the government has promised all aid possible to entertaining the visitors. The parliament buildings are to be electrically illuminated at night during the stay of the visitors.

GIVE SERVICE AFTER HYDRANTS ARE IN

Saanich Deputation Talks Over Situation; Want Extension of Area

A deputation from Saanich, composed of the reeve, Councilors Jones and Adams, and Clerk Cowper, waited on the city firewardens this morning with regard to the protection of the district composing wards two and seven of the municipality.

The original arrangement defined in the schedule to the agreement of 1913 embraced a limited area in ward 2, practically the Maywood district, but as the district round the Gorge is largely built up, the Saanich council has felt that the area should be extended to embrace that section of the municipality.

Before levying an assessment against those two wards for the contribution of $150 a month which the Saanich council is obligated to provide under the agreement, the council desired to confer with the fire chief and learn what response would be given to fire alarms from near the boundary on the northwest corner of the city.

It was explained that no adequate attention could be given unless hydrants are put in, and thus until the waterworks system is installed it is premature to expect the fire department to fight a fire satisfactorily. The chief expressed his willingness, however, to give what protection he could, but without a water service pointed out that it would be largely haphazard.

As the district municipality proposes to take in hand the installation of the waterworks immediately the necessary legislation is passed at this session, the financial difficulty having been removed, the installation of hydrants will be made coincident, and then the desire of the chief can be met.

The wards of Saanich that are not receiving the benefit of protection are naturally adverse to paying for it, and therefore suggest that the amount due to the city should be divided between the two wards receiving the benefit in equal parts and charged to the appropriations. So a vote of $2,500 has been taken out of the estimates and set aside for fire prevention purposes, and the matter left over for the committee to make a report.

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English Mail.—An English mail, consisting of 12 bags of letters and 16 of newspapers, arrived here yesterday from London, England, having left the old country on February 3. Word has been received by Postmaster Bishop to the effect that another British mail will arrive this afternoon at 4.20.

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Are Enjoying Salmon.—That the salmon sent from British Columbia is now being enjoyed by many of the British boys at the front is the intimation contained in a letter received this morning by his honor the lieutenant-governor from Alderman John Truscott, of Maidenhead, England, whose son was among those soldiers who first partook of the province's contribution of the delectable food.

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Financial News

ATHABASCA DID BEST AMONG LOCAL ISSUES

Both McGillivray and Refining Gained Fractionally; Other Issues Quiet

McGillivray and Refining both steadied and eventually closed slightly up this morning. Bullish indications ruled in Athabasca Oil, which on awakened demand reached 30@37, the best level locally since the slump in oil values.

Other prices moved slowly for want of some fresh influence.

With prevailing feeling so unsettled in the financial world, speculative activity in local issues is naturally negligible, neither has the investment power much room for confidence for the present.

Stocks such as Standard Lead and Granby are holding well in face of things, but buying in the former issue and accumulation in the latter is noticeably quieter than for some time.

	Bid.	Asked.
Blackbird Syndicate	12.00	25.00
B. C. Refining Co.	.48	.75
B. C. Copper Co.	.87	1.25
C. N. P. Fisheries	..	.30
Coronation Gold	.03	.07
Lucky Jim Zinc	.02½	.03½
McGillivray Coal	.19½	.25
Nugget Gold	..	.23
Portland Canal	.61	.62
Rambler Cariboo	.10	.17
Red Cliff	..	.65
Standard Lead	1.25	1.40
Snowstorm	.20	.28
Stewart M. & D.	..	.65
Slocan Star	..	.37
S. S. Island Creamery	7.75	..
Stewart Land	..	7.50
Unlisted.		
Glacier Creek	.02	.04
Island Investment	..	21.00
Union Club (deb.)	20.00	33.00
Athabasca	.30	.37
Portland Tunnels	..	.05½

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MAY WHEAT GAINS OVER SIX CENTS FROM LOWEST

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

Chicago, Feb. 18.—At the close May wheat shows net gain of 1¼ from yesterday, while July shows a shade more than one cent advance of Wednesday. Selling drives, one after another, were seen at first with sharp dips in May, only to be followed by fairly quick rebounds. On the other hand, certain strong houses closely connected with the export trade bought May in a significant way during the morning. Near the close the seaboard was claiming record export sales. Extreme break in May was to 155¾ and closing rally to 161¾. July covered a range from 133¼ to 138¼ for the morning. The great stocks in sight and the promise of another run of corn when country roads improve, the inadequate shipping and export demand, all added weight to early selling operations. Later the market went up with wheat. Local receipts were smaller.

Bull feeling in wheat and corn spread to oats near the close. A number of active houses, presumably with orders from some of the big holders, were buyers of May and July last hour.

	Open	High	Low	Close
Wheat—				
May	159¾@158¾	161¾	155¾	161¾
July	131 @130¾	133¾	128¼	133¼
Corn—				
May	77½@ 77	78¾	76¼	78¼
July	78¼@ 77¾	79¼	77¼	79¼
Oats—				
May	59¼@ 59¼	60	58¾	60
July	55¼	56	53¾	55¾
Pork—				
May	18.75	18.75	18.35	18.62
July	19.15	19.15	18.90	19.07
Lard—				
May	10.70	10.72	10.55	10.57
July	10.87	10.87	10.72	10.75
Short Ribs—				
May	10.10	10.17	10.10	10.15
July	10.35	10.40	10.30	10.37

PUBLIC INDISPOSED TO BUY SECURITIES

Average of Wall Street Prices is Lower To-day and Sentiment Nervous

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

New York, Feb. 18.—Dullness again prevailed in the stock list and public interest was at a minimum. It was reported that Germany's note to the United States was of a threatening nature, and this tended to intimidate sentiment.

Stocks displayed nervousness and on an average were lower, throughout the session lingering for support.

Mexican Petroleum's decline was arrested, but much of the buying in this issue was of a covering character, and on a point rise the advance stopped.

	High.	Low.	Bid.
Alaska Gold	28¼	28	28
Amal. Copper	53¼	52¼	52¼
Amn. Beet Sugar	38¼	37¼	38
Amn. Can.	27¼	26¾	27
Amn. Locomotive	21¼	21¼	21¼
Amn. Smelting	62¾	61¾	62¼
Amn. Sugar	102¼	101¼	102
Amn. Tel. & Tel.	118¾	118¾	118¾
Anaconda	26¼	26	26¼
Atchison	93¼	92¾	93¼
Bethlehem Steel	56	55¼	55¼
B. R. T.	86¾	86¼	86¾
C. P. R.	157¼	156¼	157¼
Central Leather	34¼	33¾	33¾
C. & O.	41¼	41	40¾
C. M. & St. P.	85¼	85¼	85¼
Erie	21¼	21¼	21¼
Gen. Motors	91¼	89¾	88¾
Goodrich	31	31	30¾
G. N., pref.	124¼	114¾	114¼
G. N. Ore ctfs.	30¼	30¼	30¼
Guggenheim	50	49¼	50
Inter-Metropolitan	12¼	12	12
Do., pref.	56¾	56¼	56
Inter. Harvester	94¾	94¼	94
L. & N.	116¾	116¼	115
Lehigh Valley	131¼	130¼	131¼
Mackay Co.'s	76	76	76
Maxwell Motor	23¼	23¼	23¼
Mex. Petroleum	65¾	64¼	65¼
Mo. Pacific	11¼	10¾	11
N. Y. C.	84¼	83¼	83¾
N. & W.	99¾	99¾	100
N. P.	102¼	102¼	102¼
Pennsylvania	104¾	104¾	104¾
People's Gas	118¼	118	117¾
Pressed Steel Car	29¼	29¼	29
Reading	142¼	141¾	142¼
S. P.	83¾	83¼	83¾
Sou. Railway	15¼	15	15
Studebaker Corpn.	44¼	43¾	43¾
Tenn. Copper	29	29	29
U. P.	118¾	118¾	118¾
U. S. Rubber	54	53¾	54
U. S. Steel	42¼	41¾	41¾
Do., pref.	104¾	104	104
Utah Copper	51¼	50¾	51¼
Western Union	62¼	62¼	62¼
Granby (Boston)	69	68¾	68

Money on call, 2 per cent.

Total sales: Stocks, 185,400 shares; bonds, $1,929,000 par.

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NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

(By F. W. Stevenson & Co.)

	Open	High	Low	Close
Jan.	....	....	....	9.43-45
March	8.41	8.49	8.40	8.49-50
May	8.63	8.74	8.62	8.73-74
July	8.81	8.93	8.81	8.92-93
Oct.	9.07	9.19	9.07	9.18-19
Dec.	9.27	9.34	9.27	9.34-36

CHARGED WITH MURDER.

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Acting, it is understood, as the result of a statement made in the hospital by George Stark, the authorities this morning charged George Shortreed, aged about thirty years with the murder last night of Mrs. R. W. Stark. He was remanded until to-morrow.

The police hold the theory that the shooting occurred after a violent quarrel. Mrs. Stark died almost instantly, and her son is in a very serious condition as the result of a bullet wound in his stomach.

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REPORTS OF ALLEGED VICTORIES GIVEN OUT

People of Jaffa Read Fanciful Statement Printed in Letters of Gold

Alexandria, Egypt, Feb. 18.—Passengers of the American cruiser Tennessee, which has been bringing refugees from the coast of Syria to Egypt, are authority for the statement that while no actual atrocities have been committed by the Turks in Syria, a number of persons have been maltreated. The population of Syria, although fanatical, is remaining calm.

The Tennessee arrived here yesterday from the Syrian coast. Refugees on board say that Hassan Bey, the commander at Jaffa, has a rather overbearing manner and that he treats nationals of the Entente powers with the greatest rigor. Reports of an alleged Turkish victory in Egypt, printed in letters of gold, have been posted in Jaffa. The people have been told that Ismailia and Suez have been occupied by the Turks, who are now marching on Cairo.

Graphic descriptions of the alleged sinking of several British cruisers in the Suez canal caused the greatest jubilation.

The British casualties in these engagements were given as ten men killed and twenty-five wounded. There was great rejoicing also at Jerusalem where a large amount of ammunition was expended in firing guns to celebrate the event.

Nationals of the entente powers, Great Britain, France and Russia, were insulted by the populace and compelled to remain indoors. Six wounded German officers were brought to Jerusalem, where Rach Pasha, the German commander, has his headquarters.

Some of the Arabs rebelled against the recruiting order and several of them had to be shot before they would advance.

It appears, according to the information brought by the refugees, that while Constantinople was anxious to attack Egypt, the Germans desired mostly to menace the British and compel them to hold troops in Egypt.

The Germans who participated in the fighting were still speaking of the hardships of the trip across the desert, and some of them expressed the opinion that Turkish success was impossible.

It is said there were 600 German officers and men in the Turkish army which undertook the expedition to Egypt. This army consisted of seven thousand trained Anatolians, with a number of Arabs and Bedouins. All the refugees on the Tennessee were Israelites, no Christians being allowed to leave.

London, Feb. 18.—A dispatch from Alexandria to Reuter's Company says the United States cruiser Tennessee will leave to-morrow for Beirut to relieve temporarily the North Carolina, which is going to Alexandria to coal.

SNOW IS VERY DEEP IN THE ITALIAN ALPS

Rome, Feb. 18.—Many villages in the Friuli region of the Italian Alps have disappeared from view under a snowfall of almost unprecedented extent for that locality. All of the mountain roads are impassable. On the high plateau of Fugazzi, on the Austrian frontier, the snow is more than seven feet in depth. The blocking of the roads from Schio into the famous Dolomites district has isolated a number of towns much frequented by tourists during the summer months. Alpine troops are being employed to open the roads and render assistance to the villages cut off.

SMALL REVOLT REPORTED AT SINGAPORE; PUT DOWN

Tokio, Feb. 18.—A revolt has broken out among the Hindu soldiers at Singapore, one of the Strait Settlements belonging to Great Britain, according to newspaper dispatches received here to-day from the Malay archipelago. Marines were landed at Singapore from Japanese and French warships and some fighting has taken place between the mutineers and the men from the war vessels.

The Hindu mutineers numbered 800, but later half of this number is reported to have surrendered and the revolt is said to be subsiding.

DAY'S TRADING ON THE WINNIPEG MARKET

Winnipeg, Feb. 18.—Winnipeg May wheat opened at $1.58¼, dropped to $1.55¼, rallied to $1.58¾ and closed at $1.58¾. Export buying was the chief feature of the local market. Montreal reported 500,000 bushels overnight. All exporters bought futures and there was a keen demand for cash. Offerings were very light, though receipts were 247 cars as against 136 last year, and there were 370 cars in sight for to-day. American traders showed great nervousness with regard to the shipping situation, but with British and Canadian traders it was "business as usual."

	Open.	Close.
Wheat—		
May	158	158¾
July	157¼	158¾
Oats—		
May	67¼	67¾
July	68¾	69¾
Flax—		
May	166¾	166¼
July	..	165¼

Cash prices: 1 Nor., 156; 2 Nor., 154¼; 3 Ncr., 150¼; No. 4, 146¼; No. 5, 142¼; No. 6, 138¼.

Oats—No. 1 C. W., 65¼; No. 2 C. W., 62¾; No. 3 C. W., 62¾.

Barley—No. 3, 80; No. 4, 75; rejected, 72; feed, 72.

Flax—No. 1 N. W. C., 161; No. 2 C. W., 152.

AUSTRIANS FIRED ON ITALIAN FLAG

Government of Italy Looking Into Incident Which Occurred at Antivari

London, Feb. 15.—A dispatch to the Times from Rome, dated yesterday, says:

"This morning's news that the Italian flag had been fired upon by Austrian cannon at Antivari, Montenegro, came as a shock, as Italians, especially in Rome, had got into the habit of thinking that Austria would take exceptional pains to avoid any complications with her restless, former ally. Indeed, up to the present, both the central Teutonic empires have been very polite to Italy, in a manner previously unknown, and it is expected that the present complication will be followed by regrets and offers of reparation.

"But, as the Italian government has taken up the matter with great energy, it may be the expected spark which will set a conflagration going.

"The cause of the quarrel between Turkey and Greece is followed here with intense interest. Another Balkan conflict may be another influence to cause Italy to enter the European war."

SHIP BILL WILL BE KILLED IN SENATE

Put in Conference Until Feb. 27; No Extra Session of Congress

Washington, Feb. 18.—Administration Democrats practically agreed to let the Republicans talk the ship bill to death when they agreed to-day to put it in conference until February 27 and pass appropriation bills meanwhile. The Republicans intend to continue their successful filibuster thereafter.

The plan means there will be no extra session of congress and it is generally agreed that it means the end of President Wilson's ship bill in congress.

As part of the agreement, Democrats have agreed to prune the river and harbor appropriation bill in accordance with the objection of some of the Republican senators.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson virtually has decided not to call an extra session of congress on March 5, no matter what the fate of the ship bill.

COMMENTS OF PRESS ON JAPAN'S DEMANDS

Little is Being Said at United States Capital Regarding Them

London, Feb. 18.—"Gloom in Europe is sunshine in Japan, so Japan is making hay," is the comment of the Manchester Guardian on the demands made by Japan upon China, which the Guardian declares "in some ways are scarcely compatible with the declared object of the Anglo-Japanese alliance to insure the independence and integrity of China."

The Guardian contends that in meeting Japan's very comprehensive projects in Manchuria, Shantung province, eastern Mongolia, the Yangtse valley and in Fu Kien, China has none of the advantages which she had before August of last year. Her European friends are occupied, the paper says, and the United States, which is one of the guarantors of the "open door" policy, has urgent business closer home.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Officials and diplomats have followed throughout a policy of rigid secrecy as far as the demands Japan is making of China are concerned. The understanding from the best informed sources is that the Japanese demands, as revealed to the powers, relate to certain localities and do not concern China as a whole, affecting only sections of Shantung, southern Manchuria and inner Mongolia.

The recent statement given to the press by the Tokio foreign office had also been communicated to the powers. Briefly, it assured them that nothing in the Japanese demands interfered with the territorial integrity of China or equal opportunity in the Far East. This tended to clarify the situation, which had been somewhat confused for foreign governments by various rumors and reports of an extensive plan for commercial expansion by Japan and China.

Berlin, Feb. 18.—The political demands which Japan is reported to have made upon China during the last fortnight are attracting much attention in German newspapers.

The Cologne Gazette says the most important step ever undertaken by Japan occurs at a time when all the great powers of Europe are rending each other, and the United States is playing a role which never was expected of her. The Gazette regrets the "blindness of Germany's enemies, who permit such a catastrophe to threaten the white race."

AGAINST EMBARGO.

Washington, Feb. 18.—President Wilson to-day told a delegation of women who brought a petition signed by 20,000 persons asking an embargo on export of war materials, that such an embargo, in his opinion, would be an unneutral act.

DEPRESSION NOT DUE TO BRITAIN'S ACTIONS

Sir Edward Grey Sends Reply to American Note Regarding Detention of Ships

Washington, Feb. 18.—Great Britain's second and complete reply to the American note of protest, which, on December 28 last, asked for an early improvement in the treatment of American commerce by the British fleet, was made public last night by mutual agreement between the state department and the British foreign office.

The note, addressed to Ambassador Page by Sir Edward Grey under date of February 10, denies that the depression in American industries is due to the activity of the British fleet, and suggests among other causes, the shortage of shipping facilities, the consequent diminution of cotton trade and the destruction by submarine mines, "laid by the enemy indiscriminately," of many neutral vessels.

After giving a lengthy and detailed answer to the charge that American ships and cargos were being unduly detained, the communication continues in its concluding paragraph the announcement that Great Britain intends to take retaliatory measures against the German submarine campaign against enemy ships, but does not reveal their nature.

Concluding that foodstuffs intended for the civil population of a country are not contraband, the British government points out that "in any country in which there exists such tremendous organization for war as now obtains in Germany, there is no clear division between those whom the government is responsible for feeding and those whom it is not."

"It will still be our endeavor," says the final paragraph, "to avoid injury and loss to neutrals, but the announcement by the German government of their intention to sink merchant vessels and their cargoes without verification of their nationality of character, and without making any provision for the safety of non-combatant crews or giving them a chance of saving their lives, has made it necessary for His Majesty's government to consider what measures they should adopt to protect their interests. It is impossible for one belligerent to depart from rules and precedents and for the other to remain bound to them."

INVITED AMERICANS TO DESTRIBUTE FOOD

German Government's Note Was Caused by Britain's Increasing Pressure on Trade

Washington, Feb. 18.—The official text of Germany's note, presented by Count von Bernstorff to the United States, proposing that food cargoes be distributed under supervision of American consular officials and urging the Washington government to contend for the right to ship foodstuffs for non-combatants, was made public here yesterday by the state department. It follows:

"1. The federal council's decision concerning the seizure of food products, which Britain alleges to be the cause of food products shipped to Germany being treated as contraband, is exclusively on 'wheat, rye, both unmixed and mixed with other products,' and also 'wheat, rye, oats and barley flour.'

"2. The federal council makes an express exception in section 45 of the order. Section 45 provides as follows: 'The stipulations of this regulation do not apply to grain or flour imported from abroad after January 31.'

"3. Conjunctively with the saving clause, the federal council's order contains a provision under which imported cereals and flours could be sold exclusively to the municipalities or certain specially designed organizations by the importers. Although that provision had for its object simply to throw imported grain and flour into such channels as supply the private consumption of civilians, and in consequence of that provision, the intending purpose of the federal council's order, which was to protect the civilian population from speculators and engrossers, were fully met. It was nevertheless rescinded so as to leave no room for doubt.

"4. My government is amenable to any proposition looking to control by a special American organization under the supervision of the American consular officers, and if necessary will itself make a preparation in that direction.

"5. The German government further calls attention to the fact that municipalities do not form part of, or belong to, the government, but are 'self-administrative bodies' which are elected by the inhabitants of the community in accordance with fixed rules, and therefore exclusively represent part of the population and act as it directs. Although these principles are generally known and obtain in the United States as well as in Britain itself, the German government desires to point out the fact so as to avoid any further unnecessary delay.

"6. Hence, it is absolutely assured that imported food products will be consumed by the civilian population in Germany exclusively, and there remains no doubt upon which Britain can prevent the exportation of food products from America to Germany for the use of civilians.

"The imperial government expresses the firm hope that the American government will stand on its rights in this matter."

FRANCE WILL FIGHT UNTIL VICTORY COMES

Premier Again Declares There Will Be No Looking Backward Until Allies Are Triumphant

Paris, Feb. 18.—Premier Rene Viviani took occasion to declare afresh in the chamber of deputies to-day that it was the determination of the French government to prosecute the war until victory for the allies had been fully attained.

"The government is determined," the premier said, "to bring about the restoration of Belgium and to retake Alsace and Lorraine."

The deputies wildly applauded M. Viviani's statement.

AUSTRIAN STATEMENT ON LATEST FIGHTING

Vienna, Feb. 18.—Official reports given out in Vienna say that after two days of hard fighting the Austrians have occupied the town of Kolomea, in Galicia.

"This success was achieved yesterday by means of a general attack on the Russian positions," the report says; "We drove the enemy, after stubborn resistance, out of his last positions in front of Kolomea, thus reaching the town in one operation. We prevented the Russians from blowing up the bridge over the river Pruth. The town, clear of retreating Russians, was occupied by us. We captured 2,000 prisoners and several machine guns and light cannon.

"In the Carpathian section, as far as Wysckoff, the fighting continues with great ferocity. Four thousand additional prisoners have been brought in."

WILL BE ESCORTED IN BY DESTROYERS

New York, Feb. 18.—Swift British and French destroyers will meet all threatened steamships flying flags of the allies and escort them into port, according to cable messages received by officials of steamship companies with offices in this city. The receipt of these messages, officials of British and French lines announced to-day, made them confident that the German sea decree which went into effect to-day would have little effect on shipping to and from ports in Britain and France.

Inquiry at the big steamship lines brought forth statements that there was no intention of changing routes or sailing dates.

WAR VESSELS WILL NOT CONVOY DUTCH SHIPS

The Hague, Feb. 18.—The government of the Netherlands has refused a request for war vessels to convoy Dutch merchant ships through the marine areas prescribed by Germany, on the ground that such action would enhance the risks of ships without such escorts.

The government has advised all shipping firms to instruct their captains to halt their vessels at the first sight of a submarine and to give the submarine all desired information concerning the craft and its cargo.

GERMANS HAVE LOST STILL ANOTHER AIRSHIP

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—According to a message received here to-day from Jutland, another German airship was destroyed to-day. This air vessel was of the Parseval type.

The dirigible, the dispatch says, went down into the water near the coast. The crew was saved.

TEN SHIPS FOR ENGLAND.

Copenhagen, Feb. 18.—Ten Danish steamers left here to-day bound for England. Most of them are loaded with foodstuffs.

PROTECTION FROM OIL

Mining Districts Ask for Imposition of Duty on That Imported for Fuel.

A deputation representing the coal-mining districts of Cumberland, Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Merritt waited upon the government this morning to ask for the passage of some such resolution as was passed yesterday in the matter of the apple industry, praying the federal parliament for a cent a gallon duty on fuel oil, now free.

It was represented that last year there was brought into this province an amount of oil equal to 700,000 tons of coal, which would mean so much less to the operators, the miners, the wholesale and retail merchants and the mining communities, and also some $70,000 less in revenue to the province.

The great increase in the use of fuel oil in the country, and the corresponding falling off which there would be in the consumption of coal, was dwelt on by the members of the deputation, and it was urged that the province should give those who are interested warm support in the representations which are to be made to Ottawa.

Consideration was promised the deputation.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. William Grant, of Point Ellice, will be at home to-morrow afternoon.

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Rev. E. G. Miller and Mrs. Miller left to-day for Ottawa, where Mr. Miller will attend the annual meeting of the Canadian branch St. John's Ambulance association as a delegate for B. C. They will then proceed to England via New York.

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Rt. Rev. Mgr. Leterme officiated on Tuesday at the marriage of Margaret Estelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. McDonald, of Quadra street, and Frank Case Munn. The ceremony took place at the Bishop's Palace, the bride being attended by her sister, Miss Mary McDonald, while her brother, Peter McDonald, acted as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Munn left on the 5.30 boat for Seattle, and on their return will make their home in this city.

Fifth Regiment Band.—An excellent programme is planned in connection with the Fifth Regiment band concert to be given at the Royal Victoria theatre on Sunday evening. The artists assisting will include G. P. F. Brown (baritone), Master W. Balagno (violinist), Trooper B. Newton (tenor), Miss L. Drinkle (soprano.)

CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF SAANICH.

WATERWORKS

Sealed tenders, marked "Tenders for Materials for Waterworks," will be received by registered post only by the undersigned at the Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., up to noon, March 12, 1915, for the supply of materials, including cast iron pipes and special castings, valves and hydrants.

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HECTOR S. COWPER,
Clerk Municipal Council.

Municipal Hall, Royal Oak, Saanich, B. C., January 21, 1915.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Board of License Commissioners for the City of Victoria at their next sitting for a transfer of the liquor license now held by me in respect of the St. Francis Hotel, situate at the corner of Yates street and Oriental Alley, in the City of Victoria, to Guy M. Stanley, of the said City of Victoria.

Dated the 8th day of February, 1915.

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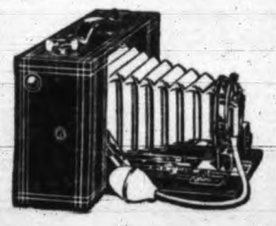

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WILL MAKE APPEAL FOR RELIEF WORK

Application for Funds Will Be Made on Authority of Central Organization

The meeting of the Central Employment and Relief organization, after a prolonged discussion yesterday, decided to issue an appeal over the secretary's signature, on behalf of the various organizations represented thereon, for funds for initiating works of a remunerative character for the unemployed. This course was reached after the mayor had declined to issue the appeal as speaking for the city council.

Rev. William Stevenson reported upon the conference with the city aldermen last Friday, and said that no very definite reply had been received.

Alderman Porter pointed to the difficulties which beset the initiation of local improvement work, mentioning for instance Blanshard avenue, which had been considered on the previous day. Some work would be outlined on Friday which might assist the unemployed.

J. L. Martin asked if the government would be approached to lend money at a low rate of interest for public works?

Alderman Dilworth wondered whether Mr. Martin would be willing to borrow on the personal security of members, as it was an extremely difficult situation.

Mr. Martin instanced the action of municipalities like Nanaimo and South Vancouver, who had obtained grants in aid.

The mayor said the matter had not been dealt with by the aldermen as a council yet.

E. C. B. Bagshawe stated that if the council declined to make an appeal, then the appeal should go out from some other source. He considered it an appeal from the committee rather than from the council members. "Something must be done," he concluded.

Dr. J. J. Millar, in answer to Alderman Dilworth, said there had been "nothing definite" with regard to the employment clubs. Out of 2,000 club membership forms issued, only a few had been returned. Some people had given immediate work, but there had been no real response to the appeal for continued support. Those people had not the confidence in the bureau they ought to have, and the fact that the city would not use it for its labor had had a prejudicial effect on the large employers of labor. Out of 875 registered, work had been found for 81 by the central bureau, while 97 persons had been engaged by the city bureau in the same period.

The mayor indicated that he would not send out an appeal except with the council's approval. He would, however, endorse the employment relief clubs.

Alderman Porter said it had been plainly indicated to them that some of the largest taxpayers would not contribute to the fund while they were aiding the Patriotic fund. He had no objection to the amalgamation of the central bureau and city labor registry, provided that the same rules regarding preference to British subjects, taxpayers, and married men were strictly observed.

The mayor remarked that most organizations of this character were maintained separately from the city council, and it would be better for the mayor and aldermen not to be officially associated with the organizations.

E. C. B. Bagshawe said that the Victoria Patriotic fund, "in the way it has been administered, has been a great misfortune to the city of Victoria so far as the unemployed are concerned," because it had been limited in its usefulness, instead of going to aid all those affected by the war. He believed a properly worded appeal would give the success needed.

Dr. Millar declared that personal work would be the better method of making the employment clubs a success.

Mrs. Gordon was glad that one of the members of the city council had shown a change of heart since Friday. She deprecated the extent of the unemployment in the city, and believed that if the amount which was spent in charity was spent in work, the whole situation would change for the better.

Rev. Robert Connell thought "the committee had been made a fool of in this business." Their work had just been perfect nonsense. Why were they not told of the situation at the beginning and saved time? He could not understand the attitude of the council in this matter. He regarded the present condition as a disastrous one, for the present policy of retrenchment was one which would come back on the people of the city. It had made the position of the committee "almost impossible."

Mr. Stevenson said that since the committee had passed a motion to have the mayor's appeal go forth, and since the mayor would not issue the appeal, it seemed best that he should give up the chairmanship.

The mayor defended the action of the council in holding back from spending money. With a large amount of delinquent taxes unpaid they could not hope for any change at present.

A. S. Wells pointed out that in cutting wages the city council had not been fair to the working men. The onus of responsibility, however, for the present situation lay on the provincial government, who had not fulfilled their obligation to the people of this province. He did, however, believe that the mayor's fund would have far more weight coming from the mayor, than from an outside committee. Therefore he supported the appeal as originally developed.

Mr. Wells then moved for a committee to issue an appeal, independent of the council.

Mr. Connell believed it would be better for the mayor and aldermen to withdraw from the committee, to avoid the deadlock.

Mr. Martin contended that the sooner rich people knew how their fellow citizens were placed the better for them all.

John Day favored rather an appeal to the government direct than to the issue of the appeal, which it was alleged would hinder the city's progress.

The mayor positively declined to head the list of names. No other city made its mayor chairman of the committee.

Eventually the committee agreed to an amendment that the secretary (Rev. William Stevenson) should send out the appeal on behalf of the committee, with the names of the organizations forming the committee attached.

It was decided to apply formally to the council for employment of its labor through the central bureau.

Some discussion took place on the placing of men on vacant city lots, and the titles secured before by the Victoria and Island Development association were turned over to the manager of the bureau.

The drill instructor passed his hand wearily across his forehead. He had been breaking in some raw recruits, and instructing them in the elements of company drill. The majority were intelligent fellows, and found no difficulty in obeying his instructions, but one in particular did not seem able to understand even a simple order. At last, losing his temper, the drill instructor determined to bring him to his senses by holding him up to ridicule. Calling him to the front he proceeded to put him through his paces. "Eyes front!" he roared. To everybody's astonishment the recruit gazed absentmindedly about him. "Do you mean to say," bellowed the instructor, "that you do not know where your front is?" "Yes, I know, sir," he replied. "Well, then, where is it?" demanded the instructor. "Please sir," he faltered, "its gone to the laundry."

SMITH DIVORCE SUIT WAITS FOR WITNESS

Co-respondent Tells Story; Denies Allegations Made by Petitioner

The Smith divorce suit was adjourned yesterday afternoon by Mr. Justice Murphy to allow the co-respondent, Frank Le Roy, to bring his wife from Portland to give evidence. When the evidence available had been tendered, H. W. R. Moore said they had been taken by surprise with the evidence given by the two sons of petitioner and respondent and that had he known that evidence was to be given he would have had Mrs. Le Roy up from Portland, where she is living. The hearing was adjourned until Monday.

Claiming that there is no ground for the accusations made by the petitioner and alleging that he must have a motive for bringing the action, the other side yesterday afternoon sought to show why the case had been brought. They called John B. Wilson, a barber, who briefly testified that in a conversation with Mr. Smith, the petitioner, last July, Mr. Smith had said he intended, when the trouble was over, to marry Mrs. O'Brien. Mr. Moore and Mr. Harrison, as soon as Mrs. O'Brien's name was mentioned, informed the court that there had never been any suggestion of her being included in the case and there was no doubt as to her respectability. It was Mrs. O'Brien whom petitioner had requested his wife to obtain to keep house for the family when Mrs. Smith went on the eastern trip with the Le Roy family.

The co-respondent made an emphatic denial of the allegations charged by the petitioner. He occupied the witness box most of the afternoon, saying he had been married twenty-three years. Mrs. Le Roy, he said, went to Portland, January 15, 1914, without his consent. There had been a bit of trouble two years ago, when an old sweetheart of Le Roy's had come to town and had telephoned him at his cigar store. She had asked to meet him, said witness, as there was lots to talk over. He met her on the street, and she thought they could have a better talk if there was some place where they could be more private. Mr. Le Roy told the court he took her to his wareroom on Langley street, and while they were talking of old times Mrs. Le Roy came in. Mr. Le Roy said he got a bit startled and gave his wife a parcel to take to the Government street store, but she would not take it. She suspected him and was very much hurt and there had been somewhat strained relations since. Witness said he thought his wife had got over it, but on January 15, 1914, she went to Portland. Mrs. Le Roy held drawing power on the witness's bank account, and he found she had drawn $400 from the Royal Bank, and he suspected she had gone to Portland with Mrs. Smith, whom he heard was there. Three weeks later he got a letter from his wife inviting him to come down and saying he would be welcome. He went to Portland and stayed a week.

Mr. Le Roy said he had been to Portland every month since that time, stopping with his wife about a week on each visit.

The witness related the friendship that had existed between his and the Smith family for many years. He had gone to their home frequently and Mr. Smith had worked for him. He had invited the Smith family to Shawnigan, and Mr. Smith had never made any objection. He said on one occasion Mr. Smith had complained to witness that Mrs. Smith did not seem fond of her husband. "He asked me to talk to her about it," said witness. "He said he would not care what she had done if she would go out Sunday mornings with him."

At the wareroom on Langley street Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Le Roy were together almost daily, said witness. They all had meals there and Mr. Smith came there also for that purpose. Reference had been made during the case to the fact that Mr. Le Roy had taken a bath on one occasion at Mr. Smith's house. The witness in regard to this said that for seven years he had never but once had a bath anywhere else in Victoria than at the Smith's house, and he had bathed there twice a week. The petitioner knew all about it and had not objected; in fact, he had told Mrs. Smith that Mr. Le Roy was going to take a bath, and to get things ready for him. This happened often.

During the time the parties stayed at Shawnigan the witness said he bought Mr. Smith a commutation ticket on the train, and allowed him short hours at the store so he could come up and spend the night with his wife and family. He had taken all the Smith family to the Seattle exposition, given the children and the women money to spend, and had paid all Mr. Smith's expenses. Mr. Smith had never objected. In Mr. Smith's house, said witness, there was a player piano and a number of rolls. The player and the rolls belonged to him. He had played them there by the hour and had, with his wife, spent nearly every Sunday there for eight years. The families were so friendly that Mrs. Le Roy would take her things to Mr. Smith's house and dress there when going to a dance or the theatre.

The witness denied the allegations made by the petitioner and the evidence given by the two young boys was stated by witness to be absolutely untrue and absurd.

"Moses had indigestion like you have, mother," announced small Elinor at the Sunday dinner table. "Why, what makes you think so?" questioned her astonished but sympathetic mother. "Because our Sunday school teacher said, 'God gave Moses two tablets.'"—Harper's Magazine

CALENDAR REFORM

M. B. Cotsworth Addresses Royal Astronomical Society on Matter of International Interest.

The Victoria centre of the Royal Astronomical society met on Tuesday evening for the purpose of hearing an instructive and illuminating lecture by M. B. Cotsworth, F. G. S., on "The Evolution of the Calendar." Practically all the members were present, and at the close of the lecture accorded the speaker a cordial vote of thanks for his delightful history.

The originator of a new system of calendar arrangement, Mr. Cotsworth explained how the adoption of this would prove universally advantageous. By the new arrangement the year would be divided into thirteen 28-day months, every week-day in the month thereby falling on the same date. The proposed system would bring to the word "month" its true meaning, as there would be a direct relation with the phases of the moon. The calendar as it stood to-day was an inheritance from the times of the Roman empire, when the emperors changed the calendar to suit their own convenience or fancy. As long as the nations continued at war it would be well-nigh impossible to consider the change, but when international peace was declared it was quite credible that the change might be introduced with great advantage to all the countries of the world, both scientifically and commercially.

HABITANT POEMS.

Unique Feature of Concert at Old Victoria Theatre Was Recital of Drummond Verses.

The old Victoria theatre was once more requisitioned for a concert last evening, the event being in aid of the funds of James Bay Methodist church. An excellent programme, every item in which was artistic and interesting, was rendered, and great appreciation was evinced by the audience. One of the features of the entertainment was the reciting of Lester Patrick, who dealt very sympathetically with some of the Drummond "Habitant" poems, and won hearty applause for his clever imitation of the patois. Among the vocalists who added to the pleasure of the programme were Mrs. A. Codd, Mrs. Hudson, Miss Blakeway, and Messrs. Macaulay, Morrison, Dunford and Waddington, all of whom are well known locally as singers. Mrs. Scales made an admirable accompanist.

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Nervousness, Dizzy Spells and Sleeplessness Are Now a Thing of the Past.

This is a cheerful letter from Mrs. Peacock, and it should bring joy to the heart of many a reader of this paper. Dizzy spells and sleeplessness are symptoms of exhausted nerves, and are the bugbear of many women, who do not know just what treatment to use.

MRS. PEACOCK.

You can read Mrs. Peacock's letter and take courage, for she has proven that Dr. Chase's Nerve Food is a complete cure for these troubles. So pleased was she with the results obtained that she wants other women to know about this food cure.

Mrs. Thomas Peacock, 28 Hiawatha street, St. Thomas, Ont., and whose husband is conductor on the Wabash Railway, states:—"I was quite run down in health, was very nervous, did not sleep well, and had frequent dizzy spells. Believing this to be the result of an exhausted nervous system I began using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, and can say that this medicine did me a world of good. It entirely freed me of the symptoms stated above, built up my health generally, so that to-day I feel that I am quite well again."

In a more recent letter Mrs. Peacock writes:—"Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has done me a world of good, and I would be pleased to tell everybody so."

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